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# UNITED STATES SOON TO DEMAND OF GERMANY RELEASE OF THE 72 AMERICAN SAILORS IMMEDIATELY

President Approves Communication Which Will be Sent Through Spanish Embassy.

WILL BE THE FINAL WORD

Demand to be Accompanied by Complete Data Showing Treatment of Germans Here.

TENSION INCREASES DAILY

President May Go Before Congress Within Next Few Days.

**Americans Already Have Been Released**

**Berlin, Feb. 15 (via London, Feb. 16)—The American seamen who were brought prisoners to Germany on board the British steamer Yarrowdale have been liberated.**

**Washington, Feb. 16.—News of the liberation of the 72 American seamen brought to Germany by the prize ship Yarrowdale came tonight after President Wilson and other administration officials had retired. Their release disposes of one of the most pressing and irritating phases of the German-American situation.**

Washington, Feb. 15. — A peremptory demand upon Germany for the release of the 72 American seamen brought in by the prize ship Yarrowdale was prepared at the State Department today with President Wilson's approval. Officials were reticent about the communication, but it was admitted that it would go forward shortly through the Spanish ambassador at Berlin.

To accompany the demand, the department has gathered complete data showing the treatment accorded German sailors in American ports.

**Prompt Compliance Expected.**

It is confidently expected that Germany will free the sailors without much more delay, thus disposing of the most pressing of the questions which arose immediately after the severance of relations between the two countries. There virtually is no hope here, however, that the hour of more serious trouble with Germany can be postponed much longer.

Many responsible officials of the adminstration have come to the conclusion that unless there is a prompt and decided change in the general attitude of Germany toward the interests of the United States, the appearance of President Wilson before Congress to ask authority to afford protection to American lives and property is only a matter of days.

**Tension Gradually Increasing.**

Any doubt existing as to the ruthless character of the new submarine campaign and its violation of neutral rights long since has disappeared and the situation is being made more and more grave daily by aggravating incidents.

Even if the President delays going to Congress longer than it is believed in most quarters he will, the present session comes to an end in less than three weeks and it is regarded as inevitable that he will deliver another address on German-American relations before Congress adjourns.

From an economic standpoint serious results from the new submarine campaign were becoming more apparent today. Representatives of a large group of railroads met here and decided on plans for placing an embargo on eastbound freight destined for exportation unless shipping facilities were assured.

**President Moving Cautiously.**

President Wilson himself still was moving slowly in order that no serious step be taken in advance of an unmistakable demonstration of Germany's disregard of the interests and rights of the United States. Realizing that some reports of German activities may have been exaggerated, he is relying on official information.

Efforts of persons and organizations working to maintain peace are going forward with unabated vigor. Their attitude is causing little concern among officials, who say the President has no intention of making any move except on the basis of facts which will satisfy all reasonable and patriotic Americans.

Beneath the surface there is a strong undercurrent of discussion of various possible means of averting war, including suggestions that a conference of neutrals be called. There are no indications, however, that the President contemplates any such move.

**Again Visits Departments.**

The President paid another vist to the State, War and Navy Departments during the day, but it was explained that this did not foreshadow any im-

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## Bodies of Three Americans Are Found Just Across the Border

Discovered by Mormon Scout Not Far from the Corner Ranch, in New Mexico, Which Was Raided by Mexicans Monday—Salazar Threatens to Attack an American Border Town.

Hachita, N. M., Feb. 15.—Three bodies later identified as those of Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Accord and Burton Jensen late today were founded by Lem Spillsburg, the Pershing scout, one mile west of International Monument No. 53, situated three miles west of the Corner Ranch.

The bodies of the three Americans were found about 50 feet apart, according to Spillsbury. Each victim had been shot many times in the head. The spot where they were found is on the Mexican side of the border.

Hugh Accord's head was mutilated with a machete, according to Spillbury. All of the bodies were stripped of clothing, hats and shoes, Spillsbury said.

Spillsbury found the raiders' trails early this morning and followed them during the day, coming upon the abandoned bodies late this afternoon. From what he could learn, the Mormon scout said he was convinced that the three murdered men had been taken into Mexico from American soil and then killed.

A government agent after an investigation of the raid, reported to Washington that the Mexicans under Prudencio Miranda were eating dinner at a ranch house on the American side when Peterson, Jensen and Accord rode up unarmed. The Americans were made prisoner.

His report also confirmed previous reports of the Corner Ranch raid.

From later advices to military officers the reported raid on Lang's Ranch and the killing of two American ranchmen, was believed to be baseless.

Ed "Bunk" Spencer, the American negro ranch foreman for the E. K. Warren and Sons interests, who reached are border late Tuesday with Salazar's demand for $5,000 in gold, also brought with him a verbal statement which he declared Salazar made to him at Ojitos, Chihuahua, the purport of which was that Salazar intended to raid an American town on the border which would surpass Villa's raid at Columbus, N. M., and in which all "men of gringo land will have to take care," but that women and children would be protected.

While Spencer made the trip to the border from Ojitos to deliver Salazar's demand for the ransom, his Mexican wife was held as a hostage at the Ojitos ranch and Spencer said he was told by Salazar that she would be shot if he did not return by sunrise Wednesday. After delivering his message to the general oversees of the Warren ranches, Spencer returned to Mexico late Tuesday evening.

**FLORIDA GUARDSMEN ROUT BAND OF TWENTY MEXICANS**

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 15.—Twenty Mexican bandits and a detachment of Florida infantry engaged in a skirmish last night near Zapata. One bandit and several horses were captured. The soldiers fired on the bandits after they crossed the Rio Grande river and the fire was returned by the Mexicans, who then fled. The Americans pursued them, but lost the trail in the darkness.

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## SHIPS MAY TAKE NORTHERN ROUTE

Neutral Vessels May Soon Resume Their Regular Sailings, Touching at Halifax.

3 VESSELS TO LEAVE TODAY

**Is Indicated That the British Look With Favor Upon Plan to Make Halifax Port of Call Instead of Kirkwall.**

New York, Feb. 15—Steamships flying the flags of neutral countries, which have been detained here since the new German submarine policy was announced, probably will resume their regular sailings if plans to substitute Halifax for Kirkwall as a port of call for examination can be arranged with the British authorities. It became known tonight that negotiations to this end are virtually complete.

That the British regard the change with favor was indicated by the announcement tonight that the Holland-America Line steamship Ryndam would sail tomorrow for Rotterdam via Halifax and that passengers were being booked for the possible sailing early next week of the steamship Noordam, via the same route. The Ryndam returned here yesterday, after having turned back when within a short distance of the German submarine zone.

The Swedish-American Line agents also announced that the passenger ship Stockholm, now more than a week overdue in sailing, would depart tomorrow for Gothenburg, via Halifax, as will the freight steamer Carlsholm Other lines of Scandinavian countries were said to have filed cable messages today to their home offices asking for orders.

Arrangements have been so far perfected, it was said, that Halifax pilots, who work under British admiralty orders, have been ordered to this port to board the Stockholm and the Carlsholm. The passengers originally booked on the Ryndam will not be aboard when the ship sails tomorrow. The Ryndam will go strictly as a freighter, carrying 8,000 tons of grain consigned to and owned by The Netherlands government. The passengers now being booked for the Noordam have been told they will be given 24 hours notice of sailing. From Halifax the vessels for Holland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark can take a direct course that will carry them far to the north of the British Isles and clear the war zone indicated in the recent German declaration.

The resumption of shipping to neutral European ports will do much to relieve congestion of shipping in American ports.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Official announcement was made here tonight that Halifax is to be made an examining port for neutral vessels crossing the Atlantic, east-bound. Whether ships coming west also will have to call at Halifax has not been determined.

## THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS

British Steamers Cilicia, Margarita and Ferga Were Sent to Bottom Yesterday.

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

**Fighting is Going on in All the Principal Theatres, But No Battle of Great Importance is in Progress.**

During the last 24 hours three British vessels have been sent to the bottom by submarines—the steamer Cilicia, 3,750 tons; Margarita, 375 tons, and Ferga, a new ship, the tonnage of which is not contained in available shipping records.

While fighting is going on in all the principal theatres of the war, in none of them has there occurred a battle of great importance. For the most part, the operations are being carried out by small raiding and reconnoitering parties and by the artillerists of both groups of belligerents. There has been considerable aerial activity on the western front in France—bomb dropping exploits and fights in the air. In these latter engagements both the Entente and Germans have lost several aeroplanes.

For the first time in several days the British war office reports no gain for the troops of King George fighting in France, although a small raiding party near Guedecourt, in the Somme region, entered a German position and brought back several prisoners. Northeast of Ypres the Germans succeeded in reaching a British post, but later were driven off with losses.

Artillery duels of violence have been in progress in the Somme and Ypres sectors and in the region of Verdun on the sectors of Les Maisons de Champagne, Hardaumont and Vaux and in Lorraine.

In Galicia, north of the Tarnopol-Zlochoff railroad, the Germans entered Russian trenches on a front of 100 yards and captured six officers and 275 men. Tunnels that the Russians were pushing beneath the German trenches were destroyed by the Germans. Petrograd admits an attack by the Germans in this region, but says that according to the last reports the battle was still in progress. To the north in Volhynia surprise attacks by the Germans against the Russians met with success.

Galatz, one of Rumania's principal Danubian towns, has again been bombarded by the German guns. Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces operating in Rumania have captured a Russian outpost on the Putna river and repulsed an attempted advance by the Rumanians along the Sereth.

After several days of counter attacks the Italians in the Macedonian theatre have re-taken Hill 1050 east of Paralovo, which was captured from them earlier in the week by the Germans.

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## WANT PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER AND STATE OUSTER LAW

Senate Passes Bill for Modern System of Accountancy in the State's Institutions.

HOTEL BILL IS YET ALIVE

Senator Person Grows Wrathy, Talks "Ugly," is Called Down, Retracts and Apologizes.

(By W. J. MARTIN.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15. — The Senate passed tonight the Brenizer bill to create a commission consisting of Governor and two others named by him to engage accountants and devise a system of book-keeping for the State departments and institutions. Mr. Brenizer explained the bill and Chairman Holderness, of the appropriations committee, told of great need for a more complete and co-ordinated system.

The senate discussed a long while the bill by Long, of Alamance, to pension Superior court judges with half pay on retirement after ten years service.

Amendments to change to 14 and 16 years service failed and the bill failed to pass—19 to 22.

Senator Turner seemed to voice the sentiment of many in merely observing that the State is not ready to pension its judges. The bill was drawn so as to apply to Judge Cooke, who has already refired.

**Bills Passed Senate.**

Other bills passed were: Promote education in Wayne. Amend the law as to the Transylvania recorder's court; permit fiduciaries to invest in State bonds; amend law as to collecting taxes in Robeson; Australian ballot for Brunswick county.

**Anti-Saloon League Bills**

Just before adjournment for the day, there was introduced in the House of Representatives the bill to create the office of commissioner of prohibition and a formal "ouster law" being sought by the Anti-Saloon League forces since the death of their "bone-dry" bill two weeks ago. The bill for creation of the commissioner of prohibition was offered by Representative Page and that containing the ouster law by Representative Grier. They went to the committee on liquor traffic.

The Page bill provides that the office of commissioner of prohibition shall be self-sustaining through a special stamp tax imposed on liquors shipped into the State under the "quart law," the stamp to be 10 cents per quart. The salary of the commissioner of prohibition is to be $3,500 and must come from the revenue derived from the stamp tax on liquors delivered in the State. Only this revenue can be applied. Promoters of the bill estimate that about $10,000 will be raised through this tax.

The Senate voted today, 25 to 18, for the passage of the Person bill to allow Franklin county to elect its board of education and then resurrected the Burgwin bill giving the same privilege to Bertie and passed it, sending both to the House. Most of the morning session was consumed in heated discussion of the issue, which has consumed so much of the time of the Legislature.

**Hotel Bill Still Alive**

Senator Allen withdrew the motion he lodged yesterday for the recall of the Brenizer bill for inspection and regulation of sanitation in hotels from the House, where it had been sent after passage by the Senate. Friends of the bill had talked him out of his purpose to have the bill killed.

Representative Grier procured the recall of a bill gotten through the House by Pritchard, Republican, and had it read to show that it undid the "grand father clause" of the white supremacy election law so far as it applied to Madison county. Then he moved to table and this was done by a large majority over the plea of Pritchard that he would have the Senate cut out the section.

**New Bills in Senate**

New bills in the Senate were as follows:

Joyce—Amend the Revisal as to procedure in the condemnation of lands.

Oates—Amend the Revisal as to who may not marry.

Jones—Prevent the shipment of liquor into North Carolina.

Davenport—Provide for the erection of a building for the State Department of Agriculture.

McCoin—Relative to the election or appointment of county boards of education.

Bates—Expedite the payment of State and county taxes.

Bennett—Prevent the sale and manufacture of liquors in Swain, and aiding in the same in that county.

At the request of Senator Allen his bill for the abolition of capital punishment was set as a special order for next Tuesday.

**Senator Person Erupts**

It was with a declaration that he had sat in silence and seen the local self-government principle of democracy "slaughtered in this place that should be the citadel of democracy" that Senator Person demanded passage of his bill for enabling the people of his county to elect their school board. He grew vehement and talked of State Superintendent Joyner as the "educational Czar bloated with power" attending the crucifixion of the Bertie county bill last Friday. He reiterated sharp condemnation of the action of Governor Craig in exceeding his authority in sending the State's money to the families of convicts last Christmas. Rising on his tip-toes and swinging his arms to the

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## APPREHENSION IS DECREASED OVER CUBAN SITUATION

Administration Yesterday Received No Reports of Marked Growth in Revolution.

PROPERTY SO FAR INTACT

Both Liberal and Conservative Leaders Approve the Warnings Sent by Lansing.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Failure to receive from Cuba today reports showing marked growth in the Liberal rebellion caused administration officials to regard the situation there with less apprehension. Minister Gonzales' reports confirmed earlier unofficial dispatches telling of the dispersal of various rebel bands. They also told, however, of the occupation of Santiago by General Fernandez, commanding more than a regiment of regular troops who joined him in revolt.

Satisfaction was displayed at the State Department over reports that so far the rebels have destroyed no property. Both factions have expressed to the department their approval of the notes of warning sent by Secretary Lansing. The liberal leaders have protested that they are not contemplating any reign of terror and President Menocal in a formal communication sent by his secretary of foreign affairs thanked the American government for the confidence it has shown in the Cuban people. He assured the government that with the moral support of the United States he felt certain he would be able to dominate the situation.

It became evident today that the United States will make no move in Cuban affairs until they are more sharply defined by developments. If it develops beyond doubt that the conservatives, the party supporting Menocal for re-election, have carried the province of Santa Clara, another special election in the province of Oriente must be held since to win the conservatives must have a plurality in both. A liberal victory in Santa Clara would have been sufficient to have determined the result.

## STATE PRISON PROBERS HIT KNOTTY PROBLEM

Preacher Would Go to Jail Before He'd Name Prisoners.

**Though He Tells What They Told Him. Other Witnesses Examined—Testimony of Former Convicts Discredited.**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.—The Legislative commission this afternoon examined a number of additional witnesses in their investigation of charges against the management and conditions of the State farm. Rev. H. L. Little, Baptist minister of Union county, told of visiting the farm and other convict camps and of tales of mistreatment confided to him by prisoners.

In the worst instances, when pressed to tell the names of the convicts, he said he had promised not to tell, lest the prisoners should be punished as a result. Superintendent Mann demanded the names, pledging that making them known should not affect their treatment. Chairman Turner ordered the preacher to tell the names, but he insisted that he would go to jail and stay there before he would tell. Chairman Turner reminded him he had sworn to tell the whole truth and this oath was more binding than any mere promise to withhold the name. The preacher still refused and the issue was avoided by construing the confidence of the convict as a "privileged communication."

Miss Daisy Denson, secretary to the Board of Charities, made a statement in which she condemned the quarters the prisoners have and said there was lack of spiritual training and of any system of reward for good behavior and other modern methods of dealing with convicts. She condemned the use of the lash, which is now used to deter the desperate ones and those seeming to shirk work.

H. Pace, of New Bern, who had served five years for betraying a girl under promise of marriage at Kinston when he had for eight years maintained a wife and children at New Bern, testified to all sorts of bad conduct by Warden Busbee while he was superintendent of the convict camp. Most of the matters were, however, under a former management and when this was being pointed out he made a curt declaration:

"We will come to Mr. Mann's administration later."

He was a witness with a decided grouch and venom.

Dr. Ferguson, for many years prison physician, testified to the high Christian characters of Captains Rhem and

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# STEPS ARE TAKEN TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT ATLANTIC PORTS

## SAILING OF SHIPS WILL GIVE RELIEF

Dutch and Scandinavian Vessels Soon to Leave With Cargoes for European Ports.

EXPORT SITUATION SERIOUS

**Congestion Unusually Sever at Points West of Pittsburg and Buffalo Due to Embargoes Placed by Railroads.**

New York, Feb. 15.—Relief from the freight congestion caused by the German submarine policy was seen today in the announcement that a number of Dutch and Scandinavian vessels would soon depart with cargoes for their trans-Atlantic ports. The understanding that the British naval authorities had arranged for neutral ships bound for the northern European countries to touch at Halifax instea dof Kirkwall, and thus avoid the submarine zone gave promise of the resumption of regular sailings.

**Most Serious Situation in History.**

The export situation today, however, was declared by traffic heads of railroads entering this city to be the most serious in the history of the port of New York. That the freight congestion was not serious here, they said, was because of a system of almost wholesale embargoes against shipments from the west for export. These embargoes are reponsible for unusually congested conditions west of Pittsburg and Buffalo.

Unless relief now is assured through early offerings of considerable cargo space, according to men familiar with the situation more restricted embargoes must be placed, congestion will increase in many parts of the country, loaded cars will stand idle, great quantities of perishable foodstuffs will be dumped on domestic markets, manufactories will cease to consign shipments

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## RELIEF WORKERS TO REMAIN IN BELGIUM

Americans Not to Withdraw, As Was Previously Reported

**German Authorities Decide to Permit Representatives of Commission to Remain on Same Footing as Heretofore.**

London, Feb. 15.—Representatives of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium will not withdraw from the occupied portions of Belgium and Northern France, as previously had been arranged, but will remain for the present, it now is stated.

The commission received today a dispatch from its office in Rotterdam stating that at a meeting held in Brussels the German authorities announced that all representatives of the commission might remain in Belgium and Northern France on the same footing as heretofore. Present at this meeting were Baron von Der Lancken, civil governor of Brussels, the American and Spanish ministers, representatives of the Belgium relief commission and the Belgian national committee.

**WASHINGTON RECEIVES NEWS WITH SURPRISE AND PLEASURE**

Washington, Feb. 15.—News of Germany's retraction of her order forcing the American members of the Belgian relief committee to leave Belgium and Northern France was received by State Departent officials and by Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the commission, with surprise and pleasure.

The impression here is that Germany did not expect the commission's prompt and final response that 'a few Americans," among them Brand Whitlock, might reside in Brussels and "exercise general supervision of the work." The commission refusel flatly to accept this compromise and at once ordered all its men to withdraw from the fields.

The greatest problem now before the commission is the transportation of supplies. The combined effect of the German submarine zone and the British mine fields have made all routes to Belgium dangerous.

**WOMAN KILLED WHEN WALL OF COTTON MILL COLLAPSES**

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 15. — One woman, Mrs. Jeff Phillips, an employee in the spinning room, was killed and eight people were injured, when a wall in Fairmont Mills, situated eight miles from here, collapsed early this morning. The bursting of the flume carrying water fro mthe dam to the water wheel is believed to have been the cause.

The property damage has been estimated at $25,000. Officials of the mill have already declared that the damage will be repaired as soon as possible.

Restrictions Amounting to Virtual Embargo Placed by Country's Chief Railroads.

WILL KEEP CARS EMPTIED

Domestic Traffic From West to East May be Greatly Curtailed Temporarily.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS TIED UP

Every Elevator in the East Said to be Overflowing.

Washington, Feb. 15. — The chief railroads of the country took summary action today to relieve the shortage of freight cars and the traffic congestion at eastern seaports, again approaching an acute stage because of the curtailment of trans-Atlantic sailings by Germany's new submarine campaign.

**Reach "Gentlemen's Agreement."**

Representatives of thirty roads, at a meeting here attended by Interstate Commerce Commission officials, reached a "gentlemen's agreemnt" for a new and drastic campaign of relief, including the following measures:

Adoption of regulations tantamount to a virtual embargo on all export shipments through eastern ports, until a part of the vast accumulation already awaiting steamships can be cleared away.

Liberal use of "an intelligent embargo" on all domestic eastbound shipments. Such a plan already effective on some railroad may be extended.

A policy of separating empty from loaded cars in the congested yards and sending the empties back to western lines in solid train loads, ahead of all other traffic except passenger trains.

Eastern roads agreed to give in addition an empty car to their western connection for every loaded car received.

**Will Affect Domestic Traffic.**

Export traffic through the east will remain virtually at a standstill during the period of adjustment and eastbound domestic traffic will be greatly curtailed, if the plans work out. The amount of freight for export has increased greatly at eastern ports because of the great decrease in steamship sailings since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.

One road is reported to have every track crowded and in addition cars loade with export wheat standing on 94 barges in New York harbor. Every eastern grain elevator is said to be overflowing and in addition there are four million bushels of export wheat in Minneapolis which have been awaiting transportation for more than two months.

**Threatened Shortage of Grain**

In New England, the railroad men say, there is a threatened shortage of grain, while the flour supply of Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York and New England cities is none too large. At today's meeting it was decided to move two trainloads of fifty cars each from Minneapolis daily, one loaded with wheat for New England, the other carrying flour. Representatives of Minneapolis milling interests promised to co-operate in meeting domestic needs. The embargo applying against eastbound shipments, it was said, will not apply to foodstuffs for domestic use.

As fast as sailing ocean steamers diminish the accumulation of freight awaiting export at eastern ports, the railroads will let down the bars of the embargo, permitting the shipment, ton for ton, of supplies to replace those taken away. All the railroads, it was said, will work in close co-operation towards amelioration of conditions throughout the country.

**THREATENS TO HAMPER THE SOUTH'S LUMBER INDUSTRY**

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 15.—The lumber industry of the South, especially in the hardwood timber belt, faces the possibility of a general suspension of operations unless restrictions placed against the shipments of the raw product to manufacturing centers in the east are quickly removed, according to statements made here today by men prominently identified with the industry.

Means of averting a wholesale shutting down of saw mills in the hardwood forests of the central south will be discussed at a special meeting here tomorrow of the board of governors of the Southern Hardwood Traffic Association. An appeal to the Federal government for immediately enactment of legislation to relieve the situation will be proposed, it was stated tonight. The advisability of calling a meeting of lumber shippers of all the Southern states will be considered.

**SOUTH ATLANTIC PORTS NOT AFFECTED BY THE EMBARGO**

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 15.—Notice of embargoes against eastern ports reached practically all railroads in the southeast today, but reports agreed that its effect had not yet been felt to great extent. The ban caused by delayed de-

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# PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED LEAK CLOSED

### Sub-Committee Will Privately Examine Brokers' Reports.

**One Speculator's Account at Time of Break in Stock Market Following President's "Peace Note" Was Over $7,000,000.**

New York, Feb. 15.—Leaving further examination of brokers' statements as to their dealing for customers on the stock exchange during December to a sub-committee of three, the congressional committee investigating the "leak" on President Wilson's peace note today adjourned its public hearings and most of the members returned to Washington tonight. This action came after a statement by committee's counsel, Sherman L. Whipple, that he did not consider it profitable for the full committee to spend any more time taking oral testimony in view of other more urgent duties of the members at the capital.

The sub-committee, consisting of Representatives Campbell, of Kansas; Bennet, of New York, and Foster, of Illinois, will stay here until Monday examining brokers' statements, planning to continue their work in Washington after that.

Wall Street gossip was busy after the close of the hearing today trying to deduce the identity of an unnamed speculator whose account was between $7,000,000 and $8,000,000 when the big break came in the market after the peace note became public. Oliver Harriman, a broker, testified that he carried such a big "short" on his books, his operations dating from November, but he declined to divulge the customers' names.

In connection with that account, however, there was put in evidence a telegram dated New York, December 20, and sent over Mr. Harriman's private wires to his Washington office asking: "Have you heard anything about the government to issue this afternoon a statement regarding the economic condition of Europe?" This was signed "J. L. L." The answer was "No."

The fact that the initials correspond to those of Jesse L. Livermore, a well-known speculator, known to make his headquarters at Mr. Harriman's offices, was called to the attention of members of the committee at the close of the hearing, but it was explained by counsel the question of the speculator's identity was not pertinent.

## SIX CASES ARE DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

**Motion Docket Will be Taken Up by Judge Bond at 10 A. M. Today.**

Five civil cases and one divorce proceeding were disposed of at yesterday's session of Superior Court. Judge W. M. Bond announced that in view of the good progress made in clearing up cases set for trial it would be possible to take up the motion docket this morning at 10 o'clock, and that this will be done.

Cases disposed of included that of Edward Thompson Company against K. C. Sidbury, judgment for $149; that of American Case & Register Company against M. M. Caldwell, judgment for $170; that of L. W. Moore against William Wimes, verdict for plaintiff for $300; that of Branch Saw Company against Bryant Manufacturing Company, verdict in favor of plaintiff for $144; that of John Graham, colored, against Carrie Graham, verdict for divorce; that of S. V. Bowen against Wilmington Beach Corporation, continued.

## OLD GLORY IS DISPLAYED

**Mammoth United States Flag Placed in Front of Murchison Building**

A mammoth United States flag has been flung to the breezes in front of the ten-story Murchison National bank building, which gives a patriotic touch to the big structure. There is a flag pole on top of the building on which Old Glory usually floats but it is so high up that pedestrians are not usually able to see it.

In placing the flag in front of the building, the Murchison is following the custom of many of the large banks of the country that are using this method of expressing their patriotism.

A movement was inaugurated by the Rotary club at its meeting Tuesday asking that all business houses in the city display United States flags and it was decided to start the movement on Washington's birthday. It was also suggested that flags be displayed in front of residences as has already been done in many instances.

**Dr. Mendelsohn Burned.**

It was learned yesterday that Dr. S. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, was seriously burned Monday night when his clothes were ignited from a gas stove. Dr. Mendelsohn's hand and body were blistered, and he will be confined to his room for some time.


# PIN THIS UPON WIFE'S DRESSER

### Warns Women Against Cutting Corns and Says They Lift Right Out.

Because style decrees that women crowd and buckle up their tender toes in high heel footwear they suffer from corns, then they cut and trim at these painful pests which merely makes the corn grow hard. This suicidal habit may cause lockjaw and women are warned to stop it.

A few drops of a drug called freezone applied directly upon a sore corn gives quick relief and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts out without pain. Ask the drug store man for a quarter of an ounce of freezone, which costs very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

This drug is gummy, but it dries in a moment and simply shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.


# FOUND IN PHILADELPHIA

**Bronze Ornaments Stolen From Airlie-on-the-Sound Are Found in Junk Shop in Quaker City.**

According to telegraphic communication from Philadelphia, received by Mr. J. L. Toon yesterday, the bronze ornaments stolen from Airlie-on-the-Sound, the New Hanover estate of Mr. Pembroke Jones, several days ago, and for which a reward of $100 had been offered, have been located in the store of Beers & Co., junk dealers, in Philadelphia, and are now on their way back to Wilmington.

The information secured by local parties indicates that the ornaments were broken to pieces and packed in barrels before being shipped from Wilmington to Philadelphia. The booty is alleged to have been sold by the persons removing them from Airlie, to a junk dealer on Second street, who in turn shipped it to the Philadelphia dealers.

Mr. Toon, who is manager of Mr. Jones' local interests, together with the county officers, has been working diligently on the case since the ornaments were stolen, and in some "sleuth hound manner" discovered that the goods had been shipped out from Wilmington consigned to Philadelphia.

Learning the name of the local shipper, he was immediately interviewed, and the name of the Philadelphia concern to whom he had shipped the stuff was secured. This done, Messrs. Beers & Co., were notified that the goods were stolen, and they were asked to return them at once. The telegrams yesterday announced that the stolen goods will be returned to Wilmington.

County officers are leaving no stone unturned to locate the guilty parties.

## FATHER AND SON BANQUET WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

**Rotarians to Assist in Entertaining Fatherless Boys Thursday Night**

When Rotarian Odis B. Hinnant, city boys' work secretary, announced at a meeting of the Rotary club the other day that he knew of a number of fatherless boys in the city who wanted to attend the father and son banquet at the Y. M. C. A. on next Thursday night but they would be unable to do so unless someone would consent to act as a father for them, it was not many minutes before he had signed up enough of the members of the club to guarantee that each one of them can go.

There is only one requirement for attending the banquet, and that is a boy must be accompanied by his father and a father must be accompanied by his son. There will be plates laid for 200 persons, the price of a plate being 25 cents.

This will be the fourth annual event of its kind to be held in Wilmington. Secretary Hinnant is in charge of the arrangements for the affair. An interesting programme for the affair has been arranged as follows:

Toastmaster.....Mr. Jas. H. Cowan
Invocation.....Dr. J. J. Hurt
"Dad".....Richard Thigpen
Song.....Four Sisters and Daughter"
"Son".....Col. Walker Taylor
Song.....Four Mothers and Wives"
Father and Sons Chums.....
.....Odis B. Hinnant

A neatly printed folder giving full particulars of the event is being sent out by Mr. C. Walton Johnson, boys' work secretary at the Y. M. C. A. Reservations for the banquet must be in by February 21.

## REV. DR. MILTON IS NAMED DEAN OF LOCAL CONVOCATION.

**Delegates to Meeting at Red Springs Have Returned to City.**

Local delegates to the Convocation of Wilmington, which was held at St. Stephen's church at Red Springs, have returned to the city. The closing session of the convocation Wednesday night was featured by a sermon by Rev. J. S. Moody, of Fayetteville.

Among the appointments of local interest was that of Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton as dean of the convocation, and Rev. W. R. Noe as secretary-treasurer, the latter being re-elected.

Among those who attended from Wilmington were the following: Bishop Thos. C. Darst, Rev. W. R. Noe, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Rev. T. P. Noe, Rev. R. E. Gribbin, Mrs. Josh C. James, Mrs. William Latimer, Mrs. S. P. Adams, Mrs. James F. Woolvin, Miss Athalia LeGrand, and Miss Dorothy Quelch.

## WILL CONDUCT MISSION AT CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD.

**Rev. John R. Matthews Will Begin Series of Meetings Sunday.**

Beginning next Sunday and lasting one week, a mission or series of meetings will be conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd by Rev. John R. Matthews, of Barnesville, Ohio. Rev. Mr. Matthews is well known in this city, having conducted similar meetings here before. He is a pleasing speaker and the fact that he will conduct the mission here will be learned with interest.

The services on Sundays will be at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., while the services during the week will be at 8 P. M.

While in this city, Mr. Matthews will be a guest at the home of Mrs. W. B. Thorpe.

## BANQUET BY ST. JOHN'S

**Given in Celebration of Raising of Class to Master Masons**

An enjoyable banquet was served to 150 enthusiastic Wilmington Masons in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple last night under the auspices of St. John's Lodge. The event was in honor of the raising of a class of five candidates to the sublime degree of Master Masons.

The first section of the degree work began at 6 o'clock after which the banquet was served. The conferring of the second part of the work followed. Guitar and mandolin selections by several of the city's skilled musicians was an enjoyable feature of the banquet.

**Benefit for Colored Y. M. C. A.**

Under the auspices of the colored Young Men's Christian Association, the Williams Lyceum Bureau, of Chicago, will give a benefit musical performance at the Academy of Music, Thursday night, March 1st. The "World's Blind Wonders" will take part. These musicians play practically every musical instrument with equal facility, it is stated. They will be assisted by some of the bureau's best talent in other lines. The proceeds from the entertainment will be used in part towards providing a fund for the building of a colored Y. M. C. A. building in Wilmington. The public is invited to assist this movement by attending the entertainment.

## FUNERAL OF MR. WARREN.

**Was Held at Residence of Brother Yesterday Morning.**

Funeral services over the remains of Capt. Joseph B. Warren, who died in a hospital at Norfolk, Va., Tuesday, were conducted from the home of his brother, Mr. R. F. Warren, No. 511 Chestnut street, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, and in the midst of many beautiful floral tributes that spoke with silent eloquence of the esteem in which he was held. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Graham Farmer, Louis Fisher, W. E. Merritt, H. H. Merritt, J. D. Donley and W. A. Whitney.

## A WEDDING THAT WASN'T

**Of It It Was the Bride Certainly Was Not in Costume.**

Some young female in New Hanover county failed to get married last night as she intended, or, if she did, she certainly took the vows minus the costume that is usually worn on such occasions. A wedding trousseau complete in every detail from the white satin gown with the trailing train, to the snowy veil and a vast collection of accessories, all packed in a worn leather traveling bag was picked up on the road near Winter Park by County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Deputies A. L. Kelly and Charles Keen shortly after midnight last night. The owner can obtain same by applying at the sheriff's office and identifying it.

## V. P. I. DEFEATED BY WAKE FOREST COLLEGE 26 TO 24

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 15.—Virginia Polytechnic Institute was defeated by Wake Forest tonight 26 to 24, the Techs losing the game after they had staged a brilliant comeback and cut down a wide lead secured by the Baptists in the first half.

The large crowd of spectators was treated to one of the best exhibitions seen on the local court this season, although both quints at times suffered noticeable lapses of form. Line-up:

| Wake Forest | | V. P. I. |
|---|---|---|
| Carlyle | RF | Logan |
| Dickson | LF | Wrenn |
| Franks,V | C | Cocke,B. |
| Holding | RG | Younger |
| Thompson | LG | Cocke,G |

Field goals—Dickson 5, Holding 4, Franks 3, Carlyle, Wrenn 4, Logan 3, Cocke, G. 3, Cocke, B.

Foul goals—Wrenn 2, out of 5; Franks, 0 out of 5. Referee Clay, Durham Y.

## ABOUT 44 STEAMERS ARE IN OR NEAR SUBMARINE ZONE

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 15. — About forty-four steamers, among them the big Italian collier Volturno, bound from Norfolk to ports within the restricted war area recently prescribed by Germany, are either at present in the submarine danger zone or rapidly approaching the zone, according to figures compiled here today.

## U. S. SOON TO DEMAND OF GERMANY RELEASE OF 72 AMERICAN SAILORS

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mediate important developments. Secretary Lansing called at the White House for a brief conference, and afterwards he and the President walked together in a snowstorm to the Navy Department.

A Cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow, and at that time the entire situation will be canvassed. In addition to the offical reports reaching the State Department, members of the cabinet receiving word on the economic effects of the tying up of shipping in American ports probably will present whatever news they have.

## THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS

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The German casualties in the fighting here February 12 and 13 are declared to have been large.

Austrian guns are heavily bombarding portions of the Italian line east of Corizia and on the Carso plateau. Several small engagements have taken place on various sectors of the Austro-Italian line but no great result has been achieved.

## STATE PRISON PROBERS HIT KNOTTY PROBLEM

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Christian, in charge of the camps, and branded as utterly impossible testimony by former convicts as to cursing and other unbecoming conduct of these men.

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## STEPS ARE TAKEN TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT ATLANTIC PORTS

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partures of vessels from eastern ports has not been placed against south Atlantic ports and does not affect southbound freight.

## MANY RAILROADS REPORT CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Reports from every direction today told of congested railroad traffic on many roads and local traffic officials said the situation was rapidly growing more serious.

One well informed man estimated that there were 30,000,000 bushels of grain in Chicago elevators and 7,000,000 more in cars in the local railroad yards which cannot be moved because of the congestion east of here. Cold weather and heavy snows have added to the difficulties of the roads.

The belief was expressed here that the "gentlemen's agreement" reached today by railroad representatives in Washington would be of only temporary benefit to the roads west of here. News that neutral ships would shortly sail for Europe via Halifax was taken as a favorable development.

J. S. Brown, transportation manager of the board of trade, said today he doubted if the submarine peril was responsible to any considerable degree for the grain congestion.

"A considerable part of the grain here in cars is billed to eastern points for domestic consumption," he said.

## IN FEDERAL COURT.

**Action Against Shipping Company Still Being Heard.**

Six witnesses were examined yesterday in Federal Court in the case of the Wilmington Bridge & Railway Company and others against the Franco-Ottoman Shipping Company, charterers of the steamship Cromwell, which is alleged to have damaged the libellants' property some time ago by knocking it down when passing the bridge.

The shipping company is endeavoring to prove that the bridge was an obstruction to navigation, while the libellants are endeavoring to prove that this is not the fact, and if the ship had been properly handled, it is alleged, the draw would not have been knocked down by the ship. The case will be continued today, and no new case will be taken up this week.


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50c. Part Wool Ladies' Gloves, for ..... 39c

10c. Huck Towels, 5 for ..... 39c

4 pairs Children's Hose, for ..... 39c

3 pairs Ladies' Hose, for ..... 39c

1 box of 10c. Colgate's Tooth Paste,
1 cake of 10c. Soap,
1 box of 10c. Talcum Powder,
1 25c. Tooth Brush,
ALL FOR ..... 39c

### READY TO WEAR AND MILLINERY SECTION.

Muslin Corset Covers, embroidery and lace trimmed, for ..... 39c

Corsets in the new models for ..... 39c

Wool Knit Shawls, for ..... 39c

White Linen Center Piece, stamped ready to embroider, for ..... 39c

Hat Trimmings, Feathers, Fancy Ribbons, special lots for this sale, for ..... 39c

Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, from $1.00 to $3.50 values, special ..... 39c

Children's Hats, in all colors, $1.00 to $2.25 values, for ..... 39c

Ladies' Crepe Gowns, in low necks and short sleeves, for ..... 39c

Children's Cotton Sweaters from 3 to 6 year sizes, for ..... 39c

4 pair Children's Muslin Drawers, for ..... 39c

4 pair Children's Under Bodies, for ..... 39c

### MEN'S SECTION.

Men's 50c. Wool Gloves, for ..... 39c

4 pair 15c. Lisle Socks, for ..... 39c

4 Men's Silk Ties, for ..... 39c

10 Men's Handkerchiefs, 5c values, for ..... 39c

50c. Men's Silk Ties, for ..... 39c

Boys' Coat Sweaters, from 3 to 6 year sizes, for ..... 39c

Men's 50c. Dress Shirts, for ..... 39c

Men's Underwear, in 50c values for ..... 39c

Boys' 50c. Under Suits, in 2-piece garments, for ..... 39c

Boys' Blue Cotton Serge Pants, for ..... 39c

Men's Overall Pants, special for ..... 39c

50c. Boys' Hats, for ..... 39c

# BELK-WILLIAMS CO.

# THEATRICAL

That the lust for money leads to crime and even murder is the theme of "The Foolish Virgin" the novel by the noted author, Thomas Dixon, which has been picturized for Clara Kimball Young as her second Selznick offering and will be seen at the Victoria next Monday and Tuesday.

The story of "The Foolish Virgin" is intensely dramatic in character and offers the popular and beautiful star unlimited opportunities to display every phase of her notable talents. In fact, it is said that in this second Selznick picture Miss Young will be seen to even greater advantage than in "The Common Law", her first production at the head of her own company.

Albert Cappelani, the noted French master of screen craft, who produced "The Common Law", also directed "The Foolish Virgin," and this fact is sufficient to guarantee a photographically perfect picture. The star is ably supported by a company of screen players of the first rank, headed by Conway Tearle, who also played the leading male role in "The Common Law", and Paul Capellani, who has been seen in a number of Miss Young's best productions.

Among the other players are Catherine Proctor, Sheridan Tansey, the remarkably able boy actor; William Welsh, Marie Lines, Agnes Mapes, Edward Elkas, and little Jacquenine Morrange.

**Big Bill at Grand.**

Today at the Grand is your first stop down town if you want to be where the crowds are, for the Grand today presents a bill that they just can't get away from. It is the biggest bill of movies ever presented in Wilmington at any price, and as the prices for it are the regular low ones, it stands to reason that capacity crowds will be there.

The head-liner for today, though it is har dto pick a headliner, so big are both of the features, will be the first presentation in Wilmington of the opening chapter of the spectacular and wonderful Metro serial production, most enjoyable bills of the entire week.

The public in general should certainly see at least two of the great acts to be presented with this big show today. They are the acts to be presented by the Dolly Dimple Quartette and that by Weist and Meyers—"Two Singing Lads and a Piano". Each one of these individual acts alone will be well worth the price of admission, and you will hear and see something nifty and something out of the ordinary from both of these big vaudeville teams.

Shellman and Kramer, in the great novelty and "strong man" act direct from the big vaudeville time, will also be another feature of today's bill. And Louise Wright, the South's favorite entertainer will have something new, bright, witty and spicy for the audience today. She is a great favorite and always gets three or four big rounds of applause at every appearance. Harry Meyers and Miss Wright will also present a great novelty singing and dancing act that is another rare treat. Guy Johnson, the inimitable "Jake", of course, will be there with a new line of talk, a new bunch of gags and a general run of fun-making material that cannot be beaten.

For today and tomorrow, one of the greatest laugh films of the year has been booked. It is "Up the Flue", a two-reel Vogue comedy, featuring pretty Gypsy Abbott with Paddy McGuire in the two leading roles.

**"Pearl of the Army" Today.**

The fourth thrilling chapter of the spectacular Pearl White Pathe serial, "Pearl of the Army," is entitled "War Clouds", and heads today's big bill at the Bijou. It is one of the greatest chapters yet in the big military-mystery serial.

We see the subtle workings of America's secret foes and Pearl Dare courageously following up a dangerous clue.

In the first reel, the mysterious hand manipulates the ropes of a huge tent which falls and enmeshes the government officials, just as the stolen defense plans are almost in their grasp. In the second reel, the Silent Menace invades a government building and we see Pearl's heroic hand-to-hand battle with him in the tower and her hair-breadth escape by hanging on the parapet till help arrives.

Concerning "Pearl of the Army" Peter Milne says in the Motion Picture News: "If these scenes don't set the average American audience cheering, nothing else will. Exhibitors as well as the writer know the composition of Pathe serials, so we won't employ the old bromide, 'If the first three are a criterion of what is to follow,' etc. etc."

Of course there is a big two reel L-Ko comedy scream today. It is "Faking the Fakirs" and is absolutely the biggest one ever filmed, starring the inimitable Phil Dunham, and is one continuous howl from beginning to end.

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

**The Superb Artiste in Thomas Dixon's "The Foolish Virgin" at the Victoria Next Monday and Tuesday.**

"The Great Secret" starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in the two leading roles. "The Great Secret" is coming to Grand patrons every Friday for the next 15 weeks as a great free attraction, in addition to all-star feature bills for every Friday. "The Great Serial", each individual chapter, cost more to produce than the ordinary five-reel feature, to be exact, $36,000 was expended on an average, on each of the 15 two-reel chapters that will comprise this great serial complete.

The other great feature for today introduces one of the most popular stars of the screen, Ruth Stonehouse, in her first great five-reel film triumph, "Kinkaid, Gambler," a tense and strongly dramatic gem in which the beautiful Miss Stonehouse plays the role of a girl detective in her usual charming manner, supported by all-star cast.

**Big New Bill at Royal.**

"On to Washington," is the title of is hard to pick a headliner, so big are at the Royal today, presented by Guy Johnson and the all-star Dolly Dimple Girls Company. "On to Washington," is a patriotic and timely presentation in the shape of farce comedy with some dramatic moments sprinkled through it, and will be found one of the very

**Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "The Great Secret" at the Grand oTday.**

### RACING AT THE FAIRS

**Four Purses of $500 Each Offered by Each of the Bigger Fairs.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 14. — The Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Raleigh Fair Associations have decided each to offer four $500 purses for racing events in this year's fairs. In addition to the big purses, there will be four more open class purses of $400 each. This means an increase of more than $1,000 in purses by each of the fair associations. Entries for the bigger purses will be closed May 1st. The management of the several fairs are very optimistic over the outlook for splendid races next fall. The Carolina circuit of fairs is composed of all the leading associations in the State, and has the following officers: President, Garland Daniel, of Greensboro; vice-president, R. M. Jackson, of Fayetteville; secretary, T. M. Arrasmith, of Hillsboro.

### FUNERAL OF REV. J. C. TROY

**Will be Held Today in Durham, Where Minister Died.**

(Special Star Telegram).

Durham, N. C., Feb. 15.—The funeral services for Rev. J. C. Troy, who died in Durham last night of heart trouble, will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 from Trinity church. Mr. Troy died after a ten days' illness.

He was a retired Methodist minister, having belonged to the Western North Carolina Conference 15 years ago. He wrote frequently for newspapers under the name of "Trojan." He was a native of Fayetteville, son of Major W. C. Troy. These relatives survive: His wife; Mrs. R. M. Garrett, Greenville, a daughter; two sons, John C., Jr., and Ballard; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hardin, Salisbury, and Mrs. E. T. Wyche, Fayetteville.

# AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY TOLD HERE BY CLARKTON MAN

**"Why Shouldn't I Recommend Tanlac?" Asks W. M. Oliphant, After Explaining How His Wife Gained on It After Suffering for Six Years.**

Not a few of the people who have called at the Bellamy Drug Store to join with the great number of men and women in acclaiming their praises to Tanlac, in return for the good it has done them, are residents of neighboring counties.

W. M. Oliphant, who is well known in the business field of Clarkton, was one of the out of town folks to tell his interesting story of Tanlac in this city.

"And why shouldn't I lend my hearty endorsement to Tanlac?" Mr. Oliphant queried of the Tanlac Man. "Tanlac has done so much good for Mrs. Oliphant that we are only too glad to give a statement for publication that others who suffer may learn of Tanlac and gain from it as my wife has.

"Before taking Tanlac my wife suffered for six long years from indigestion, stomach trouble and rheumatism. And, during that time we spent lots of money trying to find something that would help her. We heard many good things about Tanlac, and, until taking it, Mrs. Oliphant was continuing to suffer instead of gaining relief.

"This Tanlac, however, has proved to be one medicine different from all others she tried—and they were many. After finishing her second bottle of Tanlac Mrs. Oliphant is feeling greatly improved. Rheumatism has left her and she no longer suffers from indigestion. Then, too, her appetite is just fine and good, sound sleep is hers.

"That's why we recommend Tanlac," Mr. Oliphant concluded, with a broad smile.

Genuine Tanlac is sold in Wilmington exclusively by R. R. Bellamy. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—adv.

### MAD DOG CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

**Two or More Similar Tragedies Enacted Every Year in State**

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.—One woman is dead ,another was reported sick, and seven people including the sick woman are now in Raleigh, or have been, taking treatment for rabies, all on account of a dog that went mad and ran amuck in Henderson county several days ago. According to the French Broad Hustler, it was a sad, distressing situation for the McFall family and their neighbors at Rugby last week. Mrs. McFall died of hydrophobia leaving a tiny baby a few hours old, and the neighbor woman who volunteered to nurse the child, as she too had a young baby, became ill a few days later. Probably she was only alarmed. However, she and her baby, Mr. McFall and four children, also the physician who attended Mrs. McFall, hastened to Raleigh, a distance of several hundred miles, to take the Pasteur treatment. Prior to this two other of the McFall children who had been bitten by the dog had been rushed to Raleigh for treatment.

According to the French Broad Hustler, the entire county of Henderson is aroused over the situation and for the past few days dogs have been killed on a wholesale scale.

In this conection the State Board of Health calls attention to the fact that twice a year or oftener a similar tragedy is enacted in North Carolina from this same cause—a mad dog—and that where only two or three deaths occur annually, nearly two hundred people every year have to make a trip to Raleigh to take the anti-rabic treatment.

"The cost of two or three human lives and the time and expense of 175 to 200 people making a trip to Raleigh every year for anti-rabic treatment is no little drain on the State," says the State Board of Health, "and yet a muzzle or a tax on a dog is too much to ask as a means of preventing this waste of human life and the thousands of dollars spent in taking the treatment, to say nothing of the time lost or the anxiety felt."

### JUNIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

**Plans Made for Event Next Fall at Davidson—Wilmington Boys Take Part**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Davidson, N. C., Feb. 15.—Plans have been completed for the annual junior oratorical contests which will be held here from December first to third. Between 60 and 65 juniors will speak at the occasion. Wilmington last year had four members in the class of 1918 but because of the fact that two have left college and one has changed his address, there is only one Wilmington man on the program. W. C. Cumming will speak Friday afternoon and his subject will be, "Renaissance in Asia." Mr. Cumming is an active member of the Philanthropic Literary Society and is on the magazine staff, and is vice-president-elect for the Y. M. C. A.

There will be during junior speaking the other attractions of the season, such as a basketball game, a gymnasium exhibit, and orchestra and glee club concert and receptions. The pianist for the orchestra and glee club is also a Wilmington man, having made this organization in his first year, M. A. Tremain.

**Dr. Follansbee at Elon**

Elon College, N. C., Feb. 15.—Dr. Lucian Edgar Follansbee, of Des Moines, Iowa, was a visitor at the chapel yesterday and spoke for an hour on "The Man and His Message." It was a powerful appeal based on a wide life experience and broad acquaintance with historic characters, urging the members of the student body to be sure that the message which should be given them from above should be delivered in truth, energy and sincerity.

**Taken Back to Fort Caswell**

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—A High Point policeman was here last night carrying Alan R. Grubbs, an alleged deserter of the National Guard, to Fort Caswell, where he will be turned over to the authorities. It was said that Grubbs, a member of the High Point infantry company, deserted his colors January 3rd while the company was at El Paso.

### PROBLEMS OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS DISCUSSED.

**By Experts at State Good Roads Institute at Chapel Hill.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 15.—The Road Institute spent much time yesterday in a thorough discussion of the many practical problems of maintenance and repair in connection with road building. The first speech of the morning was made by Senior Engineer W. L. Spoon, in charge of the Central Highway from Durham to the Catawba county line. Mr. Spoon emphasized the need of three things: Honest and square service to the public on the part of the patrolmen, a sufficiency of road material along the roadway, and above all, a considerate public that was interested in the preservation and care of the roads. "No patrolman can counteract follies on the part of the public," he said. He made clear that the patrolman must know just how to treat roads most effectively at different seasons.

E. W. James, of the United States office of Public Roads, Washington, spoke on the larger problems of maintenance from the standpoint of the Federal government.

Henry G. Shirley, chief engineer of the State Road Commission of Maryland, was the next speaker. He told of the maintenance work in his state. Mr. Shirley said that it had been the experience in Maryland that the counties wished to turn over all maintenance problems to the state highway commission. The patrol system is in vogue in Maryland.

### PROHIBITS ADVERTISING OF LIQUOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—The South Carolina house of representatives today passed the Durant bill, which prohibits liquor advertisements in newspapers and periodicals, or upon any sign or bill board, or by circulars, posters, price lists or otherwise, in this state. The bill has already passed the senate and if signed by the governor it will become operative 20 days thereafter. Violations are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

**New Law Partnership.**

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—Mr. H. H. McLendon and Mr. Benjamin M. Covington nave formed a partnership for the practice of law and will have their offices in the McLendon building, occupied at present by the senior member of the firm. Mr. McLendon is one of the best known attorneys of the State and has been eminently successful. Mr. Covington is a recent graduate of Wake Forest College and secured his license last year.

**Anson County Commencement.**

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—The county teachers at a meeting recently held here made arrangements for the county commencement which will be held on Thursday night and Friday, March 29th and 30th. It is planned to have declamations and spelling contests, and the usual athletic events. A new feature this year will be the essay contests, one for students below the seventh grade and another for those above this grade.

—Due to labor trouble in Georgetown, the Clyde Line steamer Cherokee, bound from that port to Wilmington and New York, has been delayed in sailing.


# GIRLS! DRAW A MOIST CLOTH THROUGH HAIR, DOUBLE ITS BEAUTY

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# ROYAL

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(Special Star Correspondence).

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**TOP O' THE MORNING.**

**I like to see a delicate and quiet handling of sacred truths—as you would speak the name of your mother in heaven. I might say that this is the way a gentleman bears himself toward religion, but I would rather have you feel that it is the treatment due to the majesty of the subject.**
**—From "On the Threshold"—Munger**

Editors are "too proud to fight" on half rations.

Even a good Samaritan is liable to have to fight.

Uncle Sam doesn't trouble trouble but trouble troubles him.

Bernstorff seems to have taken it all seriously without bitterness.

Bone dry is right. When a Wilmingtonian has an ague it's a shaking of the dry bones.

It is hard to make the people believe that there is need for all this legislation every two years.

"Men, men, come out from behint them rocks and take the position of a soldier—just like yuh captin."

Both the Governor and the Speaker took occasion on the same day to urge the House to get a move on it.

Trade at home. Look over The Star's advertising columns and you will know who wants your trade bad enough to ask for it.

After two nations dissolve diplomatic relations, the least little mistake or misunderstanding is liable to be considered the first blow.

The late lamented leak has now dwindled to a one line caption, and there's hardly a line about the lamentable Thomas Leak Lawson.

All that Atlanta talk shows that the South is still a cotton optionist in spite of war or peace. No cotton tot can be made to believe in a cotton totter.

Some people believe the world is about to come to an end. As a matter of fact, it comes to an end every day with some of the earth's inhabitants.

The paragraphisticuss on the High Point Enterprise alludes to a cat which indulges in a "warbly tune underneath our boudoir window." Begorra, the girls can easily judge that the paragrapher is a merry bachelor who merely imagines that his den is a "boudoir."

Well, if Colonel Roosevelt does come to North Carolina, he will immediately become one of our most distinguished citizens. Everybody born in North Carolina or who comes to North Carolina on account of intuitive, impelling unresistible force, is recognized at once as wise, great and good.

Some of our contemporaries, realizing that there are but two weeks left of the pay limit of the Legislative session, are hurrying up the General Assembly. The General Assembly has always refused to be hurried. It gets excited towards the end of the session and then hurries when it's too late.

North Carolina and South Carolina are both agitating the need of new capitol buildings, or the erection of additional state buildings in order to keep the departments from being cramped. Both states are becoming small empires and their capitols are diminutive out of all proportions to the importance of the two states.

"Everybody knows what great things can be accomplished by co-operation," so 'tis said Well, if the politicians in Congress know it they prefer to play the partisan and stand apart on the wise things they can do for the Republic. All protest their loyalty but it is quite obvious that their loyalty consists of being loyal to the Republican party or the Democratic party, as the case may be. Why don't they co-operate?

## TO PROHIBIT FALSE WARNINGS.

The Raleigh chamber of commerce has endorsed and hopes to see passed by the present Legislature a bill introduced by one of Wake county's representatives "to regulate advertising along public highways." If enacted in its present form, the law would apply in all the counties of the State, and the Raleigh chamber is seeking support of the measure on the part of the press, to the end that public sentiment may be created for its passage. "There is urgent need for the legislation proposed," says a letter from the general secretary of the Raleigh chamber, Mr. Alan T. Bowler.

The bill provides "that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, to erect or place along the public highways of the State or on property adjacent to and within 200 feet of said highways, advertising signs that imitate in their design signs that are used by railroads to warn the public of railroad crossings or danger signs erected as warning to travelers against dangerous places in said highways."

This quotation from the first section of the bill divulges its purpose, which is to prohibit the erection of advertising signs that are in imitation of the usual warning boards at railroad crossings and which are calculated to confuse the traveler or lessen the attention that he would otherwise give to such warnings. The theory is that a traveler constantly confronted with cross-arm or other imitation warning signs along the route is liable to ignore real warning signs at railroad crossings and other dangerous places and thereby increase the danger of accidents.

To obviate confusion on the part of the traveler for whose benefit guide posts are placed at intersecting highways, the pending bill makes it "unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, to erect or place within 200 feet of any cross-road, forks, or intersecting road or roads along the public highways of the State, any signs, signboard or display cards of any description; Provided, however, that the respective boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the State may in their discretion, permit the erection of combination mileage and commercial signs along said highways."

For the enforcement of the proposed law, the bill provides that the respective boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the State be and they are hereby authorized to condemn as a public menace any such signs hereinbefore referred to erected prior to the enactment of this statute, and after notice of not less than 30 days may, by proper condemnation proceedings, cause all of such signs to be removed from said highways or property adjacent to same.

The purpose of the bill will be recognized as commendable. There are plenty of reasons for such legislation and none against it, so far as we know. It is designed for the safety and convenience of the traveling public and if enforced is bound to prove more or less effective in lessening the dangers of grade crossings especially, without placing a burden or hardship upon anybody or drawing upon the State or county treasury or the pockets of the people.

## TO MAKE FARM OWNERS OF TENANTS.

Upon receipt of Governor Bickett's special message to the Legislature, on Wednesday, urging the enactment of a bill to submit to the people two years hence the question of an amendment to the constitution to exempt from taxation notes and mortgages not to exceed $3,000 given for the specific purpose of purchasing homes, the House proceeded to pass the measure as if it had intended all the time to do so but had merely overlooked it. Even Republicans voted for the bill introduced by Representative Beasley, and there appears to have been but little if any opposition.

Governor Bickett is intensely interested in this matter, as it involves the chief item in the programme of his administration as outlined in his inaugural address, in which he declared that the first and dearest work of his administration should be a supreme effort to translate the tenants of the State into landlords, or home owners. He is under the conviction that the exemption from taxation of mortgages given for the purchase price of homes will go far to encourage the purchase of homes by the tenant class and will materially help them in doing so by inducing those with money to invest in such mortgages on account of the tax exemption. The Beasley bill which the House passed will meet the needs of the situation in this respect, the Governor thinks. His special message was brief and to the point. It reads:

"Upon assuming the obligations of the office of Governor, I felt constrained to say:

"'The first and dearest work of this administration will be a supreme effort to translate the tenants of the State into landlords. Here and now, in the presence of God and these witnesses, I consecrate myself and all the power and prestige of my office, to this endeavor. I shall neither rest nor permit the State to rest until every honest, industrious and frugal man who tills the soil has a decent chance to own it. I am driven to this undertaking by the tyranny of a conviction that such a work is essential, not alone to the wholesome development, but to the enduring safety of the State.'

"The first step in the redemption of this solemn pledge, was the preparation of an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the exemption from taxation of notes and mortgages given in good faith for the purchase price of a home, where the purchase price does not exceed $3,000.

"This bill was introduced by Mr. Beasley and the committee on Constitutional Amendments has given it a favorable report. The bill is so eminently just and is so plainly adapted to serve the ends sought that I have heard of no serious opposition. The amendment will, without doubt, enable every honest and industrious man who desires to own his home, to borrow the money with which to buy it. Instead of such a man having to run down the money-lender and pay all sorts of commissions and fees to procure a loan, the money-lender will run down the man who desires to become a homesteader, and do everything in his power to aid him in purchasing a home. I earnestly urge that this bill be passed at once. The submission of this amendment should by no means be delayed by the fact that a call for a Constitutional convention may be submitted to the people. There is urgent need for this measure, and it can and should be ratified by the people before a Constitutional convention could assemble. I trust that no member of the General Assembly will offer any objection to the immediate consideration and passage of this bill."

With the passage of the bill by the Senate, the first step in the Bickett programme for converting the tenant farmers of North Carolina into home owning citizens will be put up to the people of the State. It will be up to them to say at the ballot box whether or not they agree with the Governor that every honest, industrious and frugal man who tills the soil should have a decent chance to own it and that such a step is essential not alone to the wholesome development but to the enduring safety of the State. We could not do a better thing for the State than to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Governor on this matter.

## GROWING INTEREST IN THE LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION.

With reference to the State-wide pure-bred stock exposition and livestock conference to be held in Wilmington next month, the Charlotte Observer says in an editorial:

"The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is making extensive arrangements for the State-wide Livestock Exposition and Conference in that city on March 28 and 29. The affair is being promoted by the Southern Settlement & Development Association and will be the first of the kind ever held in North Carolina, although similar events have been held in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. There has been quite a revival in the livestock interets in this State in recent months and much encouragement to that industry is expected to come from the Wilmington conference. The Southern Settlement & Development Association is a Baltimore organization and has been doing much in the way of bringing new people into the State."

The Observer appreciates the fact that the livestock show is not aimed to be a mere local affair but one in which the whole State is expected to participate. The broadness of the undertaking is indicated in the circumstance that the stock exposition and conference is to be held under the auspices of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Settlement & Development Organization, a whole South promoting association that does not confine itself to any one state. Its aid is lent to the live men of any state whose people have sufficient progressiveness to desire to do something for state-wide development along potential lines. However, the interest of the people throughout the State depends upon whether the press is keenly alive to one of North Carolina's greatest opportunities, to which reference is so generally made in an abstract way. The movement now reduces the matter to concrete form, so when the opportunity is offered for constructive activity, indifference to it on the part of any portion of the State would indicate that it is a waste of time to devote any more of it to the merely abstract question.

Let us all get down to the concrete and exploit a definite proposition—something that will greatly enlarge farm opportunities in North Carolina and increase the State's wealth as nothing else will do in so short a time on such a large scale. The stock exposition and conference movement is both intended and calculated to arouse interest in a great constructive movement and it is gratifying that already some of our live Eastern North Carolina sections have been aroused to this opportunity.

Lenoir county furnishes us a good example of a people who appreciate what the State-wide stock exposition means to them, for The Star's Kinston correspondent says there is much interest among the live people of that section. They expect to exhibit several carloads of fancy cattle and hogs at the Wilmington exposition and they are coming to hear the experts discuss the livestock industry in all its bearings.

## DOUBLE TRACKING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

During his recent trip to New York, President Fairfax Harrison gave glowing accounts of the development of the South Atlantic states, and it is stated that with regard to the future prospects of the South he has never been so optimistic.

The managers of the railways of the South are not only optimistic but they manifest their confidence in Southern development by hurrying forward millions of dollars worth of betterments. They are double-tracking their trunk lines and that is the strongest kind of indication of their future preparedness for the tremendous traffic that the South is furnishing by means of its enormous production.

The Southern itself will let contracts this spring for double-tracking of 75 miles of its line between Charlotte and Spartanburg That is the last link in a double-track trunk line all the way from Washington to Atlanta via Charlotte. This work will be completed within the next 18 months.

The Atlantic Coast Line has been double-tracked almost entirely through North Carolina, and more than two-thirds of the entire line between Washington and Jacksonville is a double-track railway of the finest physical character and the most modern equipment in every respect. There has been no day in all the South's history when such vast sums of money have been spent on Southern development. The railroad people did not misplace that confidence, either, for the Wall Street Journal only a few days ago placed the South at the head in the volume of this country's railway business during the past year.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Now that the president is not going to ask Congress to declare war and as Congress shows no disposition to declare it, everybody might as well cool down a little.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Another big packing establishment has been started in Jacksonville to assist in caring for the livestock industry, which is so fast assuming great proportions in all parts of Florida.—Palatka Times-Herald.

The accuracy of much of the news regarding Mexican affairs that has its source in El Paso is evidenced by the recent arrival at the border of a party of eight or ten foreigners whose deaths had been reported over and over again accompanied by accounts of torture and brutality of the most apocryphal character and which the veriest tyro in experience in that country knew to be false. It is to be doubted whether the greater portion of those who read and believed the senational accounts of these alleged murders, embellished with staring headlines and blackest type, ever saw the dispatches giving the truth. And it is in this manner that the popular misconceptions regarding Mexico are fostered and encouraged.—Mexican Review.

## PERTINENT QUESTION ASKED

**Some Interesting Observations on Present Form of County Government. The Remedy Suggested**

To the Editor of The Star:

Who is the head of our county government? Most persons if asked this question would say, "the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners." Let's see if he is.

The high sheriff of the county is an important personage. He is elected by the people. His salary and those of his deputies are fixed by the Legislature. He appoints the deputy sheriffs and all other subordinates in his office. He also appoints the jailer. His office is entirely independent of the Board of County Commissioners except that they pass on his bond and receive from him once a year an accounting of taxes collected.

The coroner is elected by the people. He decides when an inquest shall be held and how long the jury shall take to investigate a case. A few years ago the coroner then in office caused a large and needless expense to the county by unnecessary inquests and by prolonging them unduly for the purpose of collecting additional per diem charges. The County Commissioners had no authority over him and were advised that his bills must be paid.

The clerk of the court is elected by the people. His salary is fixed by the Legislature as is the number of employes in his office and the salaries they shall receive. The County Commissioners have the privilege of approving the warrants for these salaries, as they have for the other officials of the county.

The register of deeds is elected by the people. His salary is fixed by the Legislature and also the number of employes in his office and their salaries. For some reason the law gives the Board of Commissioners the right to fix the office hours of the Register of Deeds, but this is about as far as their authority extends, and this applies to no other county office.

The constables are elected by the people and are practically independent of the Board of County Commissioners.

The recorder is elected by the people and his salary fixed by the Legislature. The Board of County Commissioners have no control over the recorder. He could only be impeached by bringing charges against him before the Legislature as would be necessary in the case of a judge of the Superior court.

The board of education, appointed in Raleigh and spending almost twice as much money as the County Commissioners, have the right to force the commissioners to levy such a school tax as the board of education thinks necessary (up to a maximum amount named in the law) and to spend it without consultation with of reference to the Board of Commissioners.

The chairman of the board has the honor of presiding over the meetings of the commissioners, signing the warrants for the salaries (fixed in Raleigh) of the county officers, and of smiling and trying to look pleasant when complaints are made about bad roads, excessive tax assessments or the delinuency of some county subordinate over whom neither he nor the board has any control.

The Board of Commissioners has the privilege of spending approximately 19 cents out of the $1.25 tax rate and this is chiefly spent in work on the county roads, maintaining the county home and paying the expenses of the courts.

From this superficial glance at county matters it rather looks as if the county was hydra-headed rather than existing with one head. A few days ago it was announced in the newspapers that an effort would be made to have the Legislature change the salary of the sheriff and his deputies and also to change the number of dépuities, and yesterday afternoon's paper contains the rather startling proposition that the Democratic Executive Committee wishes to "leave all local matters to Representative Grant."

As has been pointed out above, the County Commissioners seem to be considered by law incapable of managing county affairs but are we prepared to have all our local matters settled in Raleigh? With the fervid declarations of some of our citizens for home rule and pure democracy it would seem as if the plea would rather be forthcoming that this power be placed in the hands of the Board of County Commissioners. As matters now stand there is duplication of functions, conflict of authority, and wasted effort. There is almost no form of control through personal subordination, which is the rule in every effective organization. The Board of Commissioners is recognized by law as the official head of the county. But this board must perform many of its functions through elective subordinates. The common way to enforce its authority would be to take action on the officer's bond. This, of course, is a drastic method which in practice is resorted to only infrequently. For minor delinquencies, and for the purpose of enforcing positive, continuous efficiency, the law makes no provision at all.

It seems to me the aim of our law makers should be to secure some such legislation as is proposed by the County Government Association of New York state. Such laws would "make the Board of Commissioners the real head of the county with ample home rule power to secure efficient, economical administration throughout the county service. This power necessarily includes,

(a) Local control of all salaries and of all administrative offices and their expenditures, no officers being independent, except the county judge, the solicitor, and the clerk of the court.

(b) A county manager selected by the board on the basis of qualification and ability, holding office at its pleasure and acting as its agents in the management of the county.

(c) Freedom from legislative interference by special or local laws."

M. S. W.

**Escaped From His Chains**

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 15.—A young white man by the name of Earl Johnson escaped from the chaingang Monday morning. Although he was wearing shackles and chained, he managed in some way to free himself and made his get away. He was serving a two-year sentence for breaking into a store, and was sent here from Sanford.


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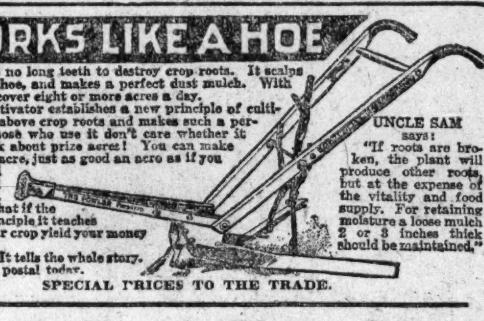

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**Another Girl's Experience.**

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cramp double every month. I did not know what it was to be easy a minute. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good. A neighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 822 South 15th St., Newcastle, Ind.

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# OPINIONS DIFFER AS TO ACTION OF COMMITTEE

### Action of Democratic Executive Committee is Criticised.

**W. B. Campbell, Esq., A Member Who Was Absent, Writes Cranmer—Ex-Judge Bryan Thinks Committee Outside its Province.**

The action of eight members of the Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover county, constituting a majority of that body, in adopting resolutions asking Senator E. H. Cranmer, of Brunswick, "to leave all local matters" to Representative Grant, has met with some sharp criticism in several quarters, some taking the position that such action was clearly outside the province of the committee, as Senator Cranmer represents both New Hanover and Brunswick.

W. B. Campbell, Esq., a member of the executive committee, who did not attend the meeting, yesterday sent a letter to Senator Cranmer in which he explained that he does not approve of the action of the committee. Mr. Campbell says he was not notified of the meeting and knew nothing of it until he saw an account of it in the papers.

That Senator Cranmer was chosen by the people to represent them and not the executive committee or any other particular body of men is the position of ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, who yesterday issued a statement for publication in the local press. He expressed the hope that Senator Cranmer will continue to represent the people to the best of his ability and as he has taken an oath to do.

There was much speculation yesterday as to what reasons the members of the committee had in mind for asking that Representative Grant be allowed a free hand in local matters. It was recalled that the New Hanover representative will likely have the opportunity to appoint two members of the Board of Education in New Hanover and it is not telling any secrets out of school to state that Senator Cranmer is manifesting keen interest in the selection of these men.

It was likewise recalled that during the first few days of the Legislature, there was passage at arms so to speak between Senator Cranmer and Representative Grant over the proposed eight-hour bill for corporation employes in New Hanover county. Representative Grant maintained at the time that Senator Cranmer was largely responsible for its failure to pass the Senate because it never was reported by the committee to which it was referred.

Mr. Campbell's letter to Senator Cranmer, a copy of which was furnished by him to The Star for publication, is as follows:

"Hon. E. H. Cranmer, State Senate, Raleigh, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Cranmer:

"I noticed in the Wilmington Dispatch of date, February 14th, an article entitled 'Leave All Local Matters to Grant.'

"Doubtless you have already been favored with a copy of the resolutions appearing in this article purporting to be the action of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

"While I am mindful of the fact that it is not specifically stated in this article that I was present at the meeting, there is a very strong inference that I was present and took part in the deliberation.

"The first information I had that there was a meeting, or that such was contemplated, was the seeing of this article published in the paper. I received no notice whatever that the committee was to, or desired to, meet for any purpose. I do not understand why I was not so notified, but certainly there was no effort made to so notify me as I have been in the city for the past several days and in my office substantially all the time.

"I take this opportunity to say to you that I do not approve of the action of the committee. It is not my desire to see any functions or duties of your office as State Senator from this Senatorial district taken away from you. As you are the properly constituted representative in the Senate for this district, I feel that you ought to be conversant with the legislation pertaining to New Hanover county as well as Brunswick because I am quite certain that you are as much a representative of this county as of Brunswick.

"If the executive committee of Brunswick county were to take similar action and pass a similar resolution this would entirely take away from you the duties of your office and leave you nothing to do. I say this merely to show that in my opinion it was not proper for an executive committee representing the party in this county to pass such resolutions as contained in this aforesaid article.

"So far as I am personally concerned I very much hope that you will continue to be New Hanover's representative in the State Senate to the same efficient extent that you have been since you accepted the duties of the office.

"So that my position may be known with reference to these matters I am handing a copy of this letter to the local papers of this city.

"With kind personal regards, I am,

"Very truly yours,

"WM. B. CAMPBELL."

**Judge Bryan's Letter**

Judge Bryan's communication addressed to the local papers for publication is as follows:

"Gentlemen: I have been a resident of New Hanover county since March, 1892, and during that period have never written a line asking space in any newspaper that I now recall expressing my views on public local matters, and I regret now to feel that the time has come, and things have happened, when someone ought to say something to the public, and to this end I ask space in your paper and request that you give the same prominence to this article as you have to the action of the County Democratic Executive Committee in the issue of the Dispatch of yesterday, and The Star of this morning.

"If there is anything in our laws that gives the County Democratic Executive Committee the right as a body to select the people's representatives in the General Assembly, or to dictate to those elected by the people, I have not been able to find it; but I find in the constitution ample authority allowing the people to make their selection, and this they have done in accordance with

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# KELLUM AND FOARD ARE FAVORED IN PETITION

### Their Appointment to Board of Education is Urged by Citizens.

**Petition Endorsing Re-Appointment of Present Chairman and Naming Mr. Foard is Forwarded to Cranmer and Grant.**

With the signatures of several hundred representative citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover county attached, a petition urging that Mr. H. Gilbert Foard be appointed by the Legislature to succeed Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, who recently resigned from the County Board of Education, and that the present chairman of the board, Woodus Kellum, Esq., be re-appointed to the board, was forwarded yesterday to Senator E. H. Cranmer and Representative L. Clayton Grant.

It is understood that the Wilmington Trades Council has also endorsed the foregoing names, and forwarded same to the local representatives at Raleigh. The petition reads in part as follows:

"To Hons. E. H. Cranmer and L. Clayton Grant, Raleigh, N. C.

"We, the undersigned residents of New Hanover county, respectfully petition you to have appointed by the Legislature as a member of the Board of Education of New Hanover county, Mr. H. Gilbert Foard, to succeed Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, resigned, and that you re-appoint Mr. Woodus Kellum to succeed himself as a member of the Board of Education, and that no change be made with reference to the educational system of New Hanover county.

"Mr. Foard is a graduate of the Wilmington High School, and also of Trinity College, and is especially well qualified to discharge the duties of the office; while Mr. Kellum, now chairman of the board, is closely in touch with the school problems, and would be especially useful in carrying out the constructive plans already adopted by the board."

**NOTHING KNOWN HERE ABOUT AMENDMENT PASSED IN HOUSE**

**Board of Navigation and Pilotage Did Not Ask for Reduction of Pilots.**

The Board of Navigation and Pilotage, of Wilmington, did not ask for the reduction of the number of licensed pilots on the Cape Fear from 20 to 15, it was stated by members of this body yesterday. The first intimation received here of such a bill, it was stated, was in press dispatches stating that a bill had passed the House reducing the number of licensed pilots to 15 and exempting inland waterway shipping whenever this port becomes a port of entry for such vessels.

The Cape Fear Pilots' Association of Southport is understood to have wanted such a bill passed. The object in reducing the number of pilots is because with the present number of ships entering the Cape Fear there is hardly sufficient business to keep more than 15 men busy, it is stated.

**Relics Given to School.**

Announcement was made yesterday at the Board of Education office that a handsome collection of Indian relics have been received from Col. Fred A. Olds, of the State Hall of History at Raleigh, for the museum of the Isaac Bear school. The collection includes beads, arrow heads and a number of other interesting articles used by the American Indians in war and peace. The collection has already been installed.

# WILMINGTON MAY SOON HAVE BRANCH STATION

### Recruiting of Men for Navy Will be Pushed by Department.

**Lieut. J. J. London Spent Yesterday in Wilmington With View to Organizing Company in This City. Pleased With Prospects.**

The Wilmington is to soon have one of the branch recruiting stations of the Navy Department, that are to be established in various sections of the State, and that the outlook for the establishment of a company of Naval Militia in Wilmington is exceedingly hopeful, is the opinion of Lieut. John J. London, naval recruiting officer instructor-inspector of North Carolina, and inspector of ordnance at the Raleigh Iron Works, who spent yesterday in the city in the interest of his department.

Lieutenant London's visit to Wilmington was for the purpose of conferring with Messrs. W. M. Atkinson and H. M. Chase, relative to the re-establishment of a company of Naval Militia here, and to see about the location of a branch recruiting station in this city.

In regard to the establishment of a company of militia here, Lieutenant London thinks that Wilmington is the most ideally located point in the State for the establishment of a naval militia company. After his conference with Messrs. Chase and Atkinson, he is confident that Wilmington will have no trouble in raising 48 men, the minimum number required for a company.

The Federal governent just at present is giving great assistance to the Naval Militia in the various states. The members of the militia are allowed 25 per cent of the pay of the regular service, which is far more than the state was able to pay them, when under the direct control of the state government. This pay is called a retainer pay, and is given in time of peace for the privilege of calling on the militiamen in time of war.

In connection with the establishment of a branch station here, Lieutenant Holland said that North Carolina and Virginia had been formerly included in the same district with headquarters at Richmond. This has been changed now and North Carolina has been made a separate division with Raleigh as headquarters. Branch stations have already been established at Winston-Salem and Charlotte, and Wilmington will probably be the next city to fall in line.

Lieutenant London said that there would be little trouble in securing a torpedo boat or gunboat from the government in the event of the organization of a company of Naval Militia here.

The city would be expected to cooperate in providing an armory.

**ISSUES DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET**

**Audubon Nursery Has Gotten Out Attractive Handbook.**

The Audubon Nursery has issued a neat booklet describing the various types of ornamental trees, shrubs and plants that it carries. The booklet is illustrated and contains much valuable information concerning the planting and care of trees. The company's trade mark, a red bird on a twig, is on the outer cover of the handbook. Altogether the folder makes a very favorable impression.

# ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT SCORES A BIG SUCCESS

### Will be Presented Again Tonight at Academy of Music.

**Many Star Features in Varied Programme of Songs, Dances, Choruses and Drills—Large Audience Present Last Night.**

With a programme of many star features, all good and many of them very excellent indeed, the initial entertainment given by the Rotary Club at the Academy of Music last evening before a large and enthusiastic audience scored a distinct success. The many different numbers were splendidly staged but there were too many of them to be crowded into a three-hour programme and several of the best features had to be omitted for lack of time. The entertainment will be repeated again tonight, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

To select special numbers for praise would hardly be fair where there were so many good ones. Beginning with the tableau scene in which little Miss Eleanor Moffitt, who later in the programme scored a big triumph in a beautifully executed dance, represented "Columbia," and Master Hugh Turrentine "Uncle Sam," the next scene was Sam Matthew's own Minstrels. This was followed by the county fair in which there were a number of excellent characters. The closing act had many splendid numbers, being featured by some artistic dances and songs rendered in a most pleasing manner by some of the city's most talented musicians.

The "Water Sprite" dance by Miss Cameron was executed with consummate art and cleverness and the audience greeted this number with prolonged applause. The toe dancing of Miss Margaret Waldron was another star feature of the evening while the Spanish song by Miss Harris and the Spanish dance by Misses Taylor, Harriss, Woolridge and Harriss was most excellently rendered.

Mrs. Paul Cantwell and Mr. Greene Fenley, Jr., gave one of the latest New York dances, which met with a most cordial reception, while the Boogie man rag by Miss Farmer and "Boogie man girls" was a pleasing feature.

The singing of a solo by Miss Warren with violin obligato by Mrs. Harriss was one of the big musical hits of the evening. The aeroplane waltz and the singing of Miss Annie Banks were other most excellent numbers.

The Acme Male Quartette was up to its usual high standard, while the singing of the Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers, this being the initial public appearance of these performers at the Academy of Music, was a distinct feature of the evening. Solos by Messrs. D. A. Lockfaw and J. F. Harris, Jr., and dancing by Messrs. Ed Brewer and Joe Meier gave a variety to the minstrel performance that was worthy of Al Field's big star programmes.

Sam Matthews, the interlocutor, was assisted by a number of clever end men in getting off some sort of joke about every member of the Rotary Club and incidentally the big audience was reminded that an election is to be held soon on the question of factory sites.

Other excellent features were the singing of the children's chorus and of Mr. F. W. Gerken and his "hayseed" chorus of 20 boys.

Mrs. Ross as the Widow Smithers in the county fair, was splendid, while Mr. Oscar Peck played the part of the widower to perfection. There were a number of other splendid numbers in the county fair and one cannot omit mention of the specialties by Miss Eleanor Harriss and Mr. A. L. Perry and chorus or of Miss Catherine Williams and the High School chorus.

The entire production was staged under the direction of Miss Bidleman. The Rotarians had an entirely original parade yesterday afternoon in which the boosters dressed in the linen dusters and high topped hats of the professional minstrel marched through the principal streets of the city to the lively music of the Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps, which is one of Wilmington's new organizations that is "making good" in a very real and substantial way.

A special rate of 15 cents will be made for the children for the performance tonight. With the experienced gained last night, tonight's attraction should be far better than last evening and those attending are assured of entertainment of the highest class.

The "Rotary Greater Minstrels" were in charge of the first part of the entertainment following the grand opening. The personnel of this feature was as follows:

Interlocutor—S. A. Mathews.

End Men—Jas. Raftery, Ed Brewer, Joe Meier, W. T. Farris, F. W. Gerkin, Charlie Nixon.

Acme Quartette—W. R. Dosher, A. L. Dosher, W. A. McGirt, W. B. Muse.

Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers—Bert G. Jones, director; D. A. Lockfaw, A. L. Dosher, Frank Harold, J. F. Harris, Jr., J. W. Newbold, McC. B. Wilson, F. W. Tremain, C. H. Crockett, Clarence Stanland; Miss Elizabeth Powell, accompanist.

"Old Black Joe"—Geo. Hewlett.

The programme follows:

**Grand Opening—"The Spirit of the Day"**

"Columbia"—Miss Eleanor Moffitt.

"Uncle Sam"—Master Hugh Turrentine.

Wilmington Light Infantry.

**Act I—Scene 1.**

Tenor Solo—D. A. Lockfaw.

Selection—Acme Quartette.

Bass Solo—J. F. Harris, Jr.

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# BOY "SHOT" SCHOOL HOUSE

**Slipped Gun and Revolver From Home of Father at Winter Park—Paroled by Recorder George Harriss.**

The mystery of who 'shot-up" the Winter Park school house Monday afternoon was solved yesterday morning, when Dorsey Kreiger, 15 years old, formerly a student in one of the city schools, was arrested by County Officer H. Mack Godwin on a wararnt charging the boy with having unlawfully and wilfully defaced and injured the Winter Park school house on February 14th.

The defendant was tried yesterday afternoon at a session of juvenile court before Recorder George Harriss, who paroled him for six months in the custody of Probation Officer Odis B. Hinnant, with the understanding that if his behavior is not of an exemplary natur eduring that time, he is to be sent to the county stockade. The boy said he just did it 'for fun."

Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of county schools, was very indignant when informed of the damage that had been done the school property and declared that if the guilty party was a student in the schools, he would certainly be expelled at once. From the statements made in court, it appears that the Krieger boy has been before the Recorder on more than one occasion as an incorrigible, but has never before been charged with a serious offense.

The boy's adopted father, Mr. M. C. Krieger, with whom he has lived for a number of years, stated at the hearing that it was practically impossible to control the boy, that he had slipped the shotgun and revolver from the house contrary to orders, and created much disturbance in the neighborhood by the reckless way in which he handled the weapons.

Officer Godwin stated to a Star man that the school house was pretty badly riddled with shot and bullet holes. The contents of the shotgun were discharged into the basement door of the building and there were 19 bullet holes in different windows of the school house. The defendant denied making the bullet holes in the windows.

**EXTRA NIGHT WATCHMAN?**

**Standard Oil Increases Guards Since Break With Germany**

It has become known in the city that extra guards have been stationed at the plants of the Standard Oil Company at night, since the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany. The Wilmington plant is no exception to the rule. It is supposed that the order was issued from the headquarters of the company.

# B. & L. BILL WAS KILLED

**Maj. Jos. W. Little Represented Wilmington Before Joint Committee, Which Reported it Unfavorably**

Maj. Jos. W. Little returned last night from Raleigh, where he represented the building and loan associations of Wilmington in a hearing before the joint insurance committee of the House and Senate on a bill proposed by Insurance Commissioner Young. After a discussion of nearly four hours both committees voted for an unfavorable report.

The proposed bill had two provisions in it which were considered drastic by the B. & L. associations. The first of these required an association would have to secure the permission of the Insurance Commissioner before retiring a series of stock. This would occasion much delay, it was pointed out, because the commissioner might be in New York or Kalamazoo attending a conference or meeting and it would be impossible to get in touch with him and in the meantime the stockholders would be wanting money.

The other provision to which objection was made was for a license tax on associations. The tax from Wilmington associations under this act would have amounted to about $850 a year. Those opposing it explained that it was really a revenue producing bill and they felt that the associations should not be taxed in this way.

The entire bill was reported unfavorably and the B. & L. associations will not be disturbed in their business for another two years at least. The Wilmington associations through representatives voted unanimously as being opposed to the proposed bill and appointed a committee to go to Raleigh to oppose. Major Little was the only member of the committee who went to Raleigh.


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# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. M. P. Hargrove, of Townsville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John D. Bellamy.

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Miss Louise Drayton, of Columbia, S. C., who has been visiting in the city, has returned home.

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Dillon (S. C.) Herald, 15th: "Mrs. G. T. Keen, of Wilmington, N. C., is the guest of Mr. Jack Watson."

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Miss Marie Doster, of Newberlin, spent yesterday in the city with her sister, Mrs. Leshmon Wood.

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Mrs. J. T. Cowan, who has been critically ill for some time, is improved, her many friends will be glad to learn.

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Mrs. William McKoy Bellamy is visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga. She will also visit in Macon, Ga., before returning to Wilmington.

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Mount Olive Tribune: "Mrs. J. E. Hall returned Monday from Wilmington, where she has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. C. A. King, who is quite ill with paralysis."

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Mr. Charles C. Nixon entertained a number of his friends at a birthday party at his home on North Fifth street Wednesday night, from 8 to 11 o'clock. About 30 guests were present.

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Members of Section A, of the Woman's Auxiliary, are requested to meet at St. James' Parish house this afternoon immediately after the Bible classes by Miss Angy Manning Taylor.

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All members of the Winter Park Presbyterian church are expected to attend a congregational social to be given under the auspices of the church brotherhood this evening in the Chadbourn building.

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The Woman's Improvement League of Myrtle Grove school will hold its annual reception at the school house tonight at 8 o'clock. Invitations for the event have been issued by Mrs. Walter Horne, president of the club.

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The Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will give a Japanese tea in the lecture room of the church tonight at 8 o'clock. A splendid musical programme will be rendered. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. Irene Marsh and James Marsh of Marshville, and Mrs. R. M. Shepherd, of Wilmington, who have been the house guests of Mrs. J. C. Little, for some time, have returned to their homes."

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The class in signaling of the National Special Aid Society, under the direction of Lieutenant Smith, of the Coast Guard Service, will be held at No. 813 Market street at 3 o'clock this afternoon. In event of bad weather the class will be held in the rooms at Fifth and Market streets.

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The Luther League of St. Matthew's Lutheran church delightfully entertained the members of the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church at a Valentine party which was given at the former church. Many interesting games were played after which delicious refreshments were served. There was a large attendance.

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**VALENTINE PARTY GIVEN AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.**

The young ladies of the Bell telephone exchange delightfully entertained a number of their friends with a Valentine party in the rest room of the exchange from 8 to 11 o'clock last night. The room was beautifully decorated with hearts and other appropriate Valentine symbols. Dancing was indulged in during the evening, and a delicious refreshment course was served.

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**ENTERTAINS GUESTS WITH VALENTINE PARTY AT HOME**

Mrs. C. A. Williams entertained a number of young people Wednesday at her home in this city. Various games in the spirit of Valentine's Day were played. A very pleasant evening was spent which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Delicious refreshments were served. The guests included the following:

Misses Sallie Ottoway, Berenice Baily, Minnie Pindell, Lottie Cleapor, Alice Lane, Virginia Mund, Lillie Quelch, Hilda Ryan, Anna Hudson; Messrs. Henry Corkran, Norman Wells, Stevens Carroll, George Newton, Richmond Hankins, Frank Beacham, Carl Mathis, Monrose Hinton and Archie Munn.

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**FATHER AND SON BANQUET AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH.**

All fathers and sons of Trinity Methodist church are earnestly requested to attend the Father and Son banquet at the church at 7 o'clock this evening. An interesting programme has been arranged, and every father and son who attends this banquet will get a better and broader view of the relationship existing between them, it is promised.

The programme is as follows:

Toastmaster—M. F. Allen.
Invocation—Rev. W. N. McRae.
Address of Welcome—M. F. Allen.
Musical Number.
"The Son and His Father"—Robert Ruark.
Song—Four Mothers.
"The Father and His Son"—Richard Thigpen.
Song—Four Fathers.
"Father and Son—Chums"—Odis B. Hinnant.

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS MEETS TODAY.**

The special committee of the Red Cross Society appointed at the special meeting held in the Germania Hall last Monday morning, will meet in the directors' room of the Murchison National Bank at noon today, to consider plans for the Red Cross mass meeting that will be held at an early date.

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**ORIENTAL TEA AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH THIS EVENING**

There will be an Oriental tea given in the lecture room of Grace Methodist church, under the auspices of the Epworth League, tonight at 8 o'clock. The following programme will be rendered:

Duet—Misses Duncan and Bowen.
Mandolin Solo—Miss Edna LaNier.
Vocal Solo—Miss Ida Fleet.
Reading—Miss Sallie Oldham.
Vocal Solo—Miss Ruby Duncan.
Reading—Mrs. C. H. Clarke.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Christie.
Korean Chorus—Group of Children.
Korean Solo—Little Miss Lois Cooper.

Refreshments will be served by young ladies in costume. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken. All members are expected to attend, and the public is cordially invited.

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**GYMNASIUM EXHIBITION TO BE GIVEN AT Y. W. C. A. TONIGHT.**

The annual mid-term exhibition and demonstration of the classes in physical education of the Young Women's Christian Association will be given tonight beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock. A very interesting programme has been prepared and an entertaining evening is promised all who attend. Orchestral music has been provided for. Folk dances, aesthetic dances, rope vaulting and climbing and other interesting features are promised.

The Y. W. C. A. always stands for the most modern topics of the day and, since "preparedness" is one of the main ones these days, the young ladies have been working hard on their drills. The Zouave drill will be given at the end of the programme in which there will be much individual work and also group work such as pyramids, stars, etc. Uncle Sam will be there to arouse more patriotism and love for our country.

There will be a short intermission after the fourth number on the programme and everyone is cordially invited to join in the playing of games after the exhibition is finished.

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**MISS MAY HUNTER SEDBERRY BRIDE OF MR. JOHN H. COOK**

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 15.—Cards issued today by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Sedberry, of this city, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss May Hunter Sedberry, to John H. Cook on Wednesday, February 14. The marriage took place at 10 o'clock last night at the home of the bride's parents on Person street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. D. Bundy, the bride's pastor. The marriage was very quiet. The only guests present were close relatives of the two young people. The only attendants were Miss Ruth Sedberry, the bride's sister, and Dr. R. M. Olive; and Miss Mary Starr Cook, sister of the bridegroom, and Robert Nolley. The bride wore a spring coat suit of gold-colored cloth, with hat, gloves and shoes to match, and a corsage bouquet of orchids and lilies-of-the-valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook left after the ceremony for a bridal tour in the North. They will be at home after March 1 at the residence of Mr. Cook's parents on Haymount.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sedberry. She is a petite brunette and has been one of the most popular members of the younger set here. She is a graduate of the Woman's College of Richmond. Mr. Cook graduated from the University of North Carolina last spring, and is a young attorney practicing here, being associated with his father and brother in the law firm of Cook & Cook. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cook.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. M. Townsend, of Raynham, N. C., one of Robeson county's leading men, spent yesterday and last night in the city on a business trip.

—Among the arrivals from North Carolina noted at the Hotel Wilmington last night were S. Ward, Hallsboro; R. B. Spencer, Rocky Mount; E. W. Fuller, Charlotte; S. E. Lindsay, Durham; J. R. Marus, Charlotte.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were C. M. Townsend, Raynham; R. H. Johnston, Ingold; J. H. Hollingsworth, Roseboro; E. J. Hill, Warsaw; E. W. Godwin, Jr., Pt. Caswell; Walter S. Wolfe, Washington; T. E. Allen, Durham; Wm. Walker Jones, Raleigh; G. W. Lewis, Charlotte; W. L. Hill, Raleigh.

## LOCAL DOTS

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: W. M. Cumming and wife to Marshall Shrier, property on Woolcott avenue, for $100; Sol Sternberger and wife to F. C. George and wife, property on Dawson street, for $50; Capot Jordan, commissioner, to F. F. B. Price, property on Charlotte street.

—Mr. J. E. L. Wade, chairman of the Trainmen's Association of the Wilmington district, returned last night from Raleigh, where he conferred with Representative L. Clayton Grant on the subject of the workmen's compensation bill introduced by Senator Jones, of Buncombe county. Mr. Wade stated that the bill was opposed by workingmen generally, although they are in favor of compensation on general principles. The bill as proposed, he stated, contained many objectionable features. Eventually, Mr. Wade says, the executive officers of the various labor organizations will present a bill which will be just to both employers and employes.

**Syrian Peddler is Arrested.**

A Syrian peddler was arrested yesterday afternoon by an officer from Sheriff Jackson's office on a warrant charging him with having failed to pay his State and county license. The arrest was made by Deputy Chas. Keen. In order to make sure of getting the license tax, Sheriff Jackson directed that the peddler's effects be seized and this was done. They were later returned to him after the tax of $50 required of him was paid.

## DECISION IS WITHHELD

**Justice W. A. McGowan Will Announce Verdict in Case of Alleged Labor Agent This Morning.**

After hearing the evidence and arguments in the case charging J. F. Jackson, of Kinston, with attempting to entice laborers who are under contract with the Wilmington Hosiery Mills, Inc., of this city, to move to a knitting mill at Kinston, Justice W. H. McGowan yesterday afternoon announced that he would withhold his decision until this morning at 9:30 o'clock. J. C. King, Esq., and Louis J. Poisson, Esq., appeared for the defendant, while the State was represented by George L. Peschau, Esq.

The warrant for Jackson was sworn out by Mr. R. E. Calder, secretary of the Wilmington Hosiery Mills, after he had been informed that Jackson had made two attempts on Wednesday afternoon to entice Miss Lula Simmons, one of the company's employes, and her mother, together with several other young women, also under contract with the local mill, to break their contracts and move to Kinston at once.

Jackson was arrested by County Officer H. Mack Godwin about 8 o'clock Wednesday night. He was later released on bond for his appearance at Justice McGowan's court at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lula Simmons testified that Jackson came to her home Wednesday and offered her certain inducements to go to Kinston. Among other things offered, she stated, was the payment of a much better wage than she was at present receiving from the Wilmington Hosiery Mills. She also said that he offered to pay for the transportation to Kinston, and to give her two months house rent free.

Her mother testified that Jackson had offered to pay her daughter $1 a day as a beginning wage in the Kinston mill, with prospect for advancement as her work improved. She said Jackson made two visits to the house for this purpose.

The State endeavored to show that Jackson had "surreptitiously sneaked" to the house and attempted to entice laborers whom he knew were under contract with another concern, and advised them to say nothing about their going, but just simply to pack up and move.

The defense based its chief claim for an acquittal on the grounds that the warrant as drawn up, was illegal, and constituted a perfect dragnet under which a person could be convicted whether guilty or not. They claimed that the only two statutes covering the offense on the books of North Carolina law, were neither covered by the warrant.

The warrant is as follows: "That J. F. Jackson on the 14th day of February with intent to influence the actions of certain employes of the Wilmington Hosiery Mills, Inc., then under contract of service at said mills, offered to said employes gifts of money and other gratuities, in an effort and with intent to persuade said employes to break their contract and abandon their service at the said Wilmington Hosiery Mills, Inc."

## ARE THEY GETTING READY?

**Rumor Insists That Coast Artillerymen Are Preparing to Mobilize and Go to Fort Caswell**

While all orders that have been issued to the companies of the North Carolina Coast Artillery Corps since the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany have been under the veil of secrecy, there is a persistent rumors floating about to the effect that the guardsmen are soon to be mobilized and sent to Fort Caswell.

While, of course, the officers and men comprising the corps will do nothing but remain perfectly silent and look wise when such rumors are brought to their attention, it is practically certain there are preparations on foot to be ready at a moment's notice to hie away to the Fort.

Some of the more timid and excitable persons of the city were sure last night that war had been declared, and that Von Hindenburg in person was leading an attack on Wilmington via Wrightsville Beach, when they saw the detachment of the W. L. I. under the command of Lieut. Owen Fillyaw begin mobilizing in the vicinity of the city hall, shortly before 8 o'clock. That the city's crack military company should be forming under arms around the municipal government building was sufficient evidence to these peoples that the Germans were planning to attack it, and at once the suggestion was made that the city records be moved to the Boys' Brigade Armory, and the lights in the library be extinguished.

Before the war rumor had time to spread too far, however, some one broke the news that this war-like demonstration on the part of the W. L. I. was merely their prize squad going to the Academy of Music to give an exhibition drill to the Rotary County Fair.

It is known that the local militiamen are putting a lot of "pep" in their drills lately, but whether this means that they are secretly getting ready to make a sortie to Fort Caswell or not, is, of course, a matter of conjecture.

It is not at all improbable that some one will make an appeal to the War Department to have the W. L. I. sent to Wrightsville Beach, instead of to Fort Caswell, in event of war, so that they can give the alarm in case a German fleet should attempt to shell the city from the coast.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAMSON.**

**Relatives of Dead Man Go to Graham to Attend Funeral Services.**

News was received in Wilmington of the death of Mr. George T. Williamson, brother of Messrs. Lawrence A. Williamson and J. Walter Williamson, of this city, which occurred in a hospital at Salisbury Wednesday night, following a short illness.

Mr. Williamson is survived by his wife, who was Miss Flora Willard, of Wilmington; two daughters, Misses Ethel and Mary Bonner, and one son, George T. Williamson, Jr., in addition to several brothers and sisters. His two brothers here and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Willard have gone to Graham to attend the funeral, which will be held there today.

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## ENGINEERS RESERVE CORPS

**Major A. E. Waldron is Taking Steps to Organize Corps of Both Officers and Enlisted Men at Once.**

Five civil engineers in the Wilmington engineering district have applied to Maj. A. E. Waldron, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in charge of the district, for examination for commissions in the engineers reserve corps, which will be organized here. Candidates for commissions will have to take a physical examination, although their mental fitness will probably be determined by papers and other evidence of their fitness submitted in writing, which will, of course, be subject to verification. First lieutenants will receive $2,000 and second lieutenants $1,800 per annum while in active service.

In addition to the securing of the necessary officers, steps are being taken by Major Waldron to obtain a large enrollment of enlisted men in the engineers reserve corps authorized under act of Congress last June, according to an announcement from the Wilmington office of the local engineering district, in the postoffice building. Application should be made to the local office, which has been directed to report the names of all volunteers to the War Department.

There are a number of desirable posts in the enlisted ranks for non-commissioned officers, who will be appointed in accordance with their qualifications.

Pay for active service in the enlisted service is as follows: For master engineers, $75 a month; sergeants, first class, $45 a month; corporals, $24; privates, $18. Promotion will be made as the organization and conditions demand them, it is stated. All equipment, clothing, subsistence and transportation will be furnished by the government. Men enrolled in the service will be open to the first call in "the eventuality of war." In war time the men will be subject to constant service and in peace members of the corps must serve 15 days a year.

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**EXPECT TO REACH FINALS.**

**High School Debaters Will Make Strong Bid in Triangular Preliminary.**

The Wilmington High School is expecting its debating team to get in the finals at Chapel Hill on April 13, and with that end in view the local orators will put in a good bit of hard work between now and March 30, when they tackle Lumberton and Goldsboro in the three-cornered preliminary.

The team winning on both sides of the query in this triangular debate will represent the three schools in the finals at Chapel Hill. While the schedule has not been definitely decided on as yet, it is probable that Goldsboro and Wilmington will meet here, Wilmington and Lumberton at Lumberton and Lumberton and Goldsboro at Goldsboro.

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# THE RULES ARE ANNOUNCED

**Regulations Governing the Eligibility of Students in High School Athletic Contests.**

In the anneuncement of rules governing the State high school contests in tennis, track athletics and baseball, will be found many rules regarding eligibility for the various contests, that will be of great interest to the aspiring young athletes who are intending to seek fame on the court, track or diamond during the coming spring. The tennis tournament and track meet will be held on April 13, but dates for the baseball carnival have not as yet been decided on.

The Wilmington High school, which last year won the tennis championship at Chapel Hill, will send out another team this year with the avowed determination of repeating their performance of last year. It is not likely that the local school will take part in either the track or baseball contests.

The eligibility clause for tennis and track is that the contestants must be bona fide students, who are making a passing grade in their studies, and who have been in attendance at least 30 per cent of the year. In tennis each school may send one, two, or three men, and enter them in the singles or doubles or both. Two cups will be awarded, one to the school winning the doubles, and one to the school winning the singles.

The baseball rules and regulations are as follows:

"For this year the contest shall be open only to public high schools, city and rural.

"Any baseball team representing a public high school that shall have played and won, up to and including April 28, as many as four games from teams representing schools of similar rank, and shall not have been defeated, shall be eligible to enter the championship series provided the manager shall by April 30 send in a record of games played and notify the secretary of the committee of his desire to enter said contest. To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates, and he must have been in regular attendance for at least 30 per cent of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates, and he must have made passing grades on a majority of his studies.

"No post graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard four-year high school course as outlined by the State Department of Education, shall be eligible to play on the teams.

"No teacher, professional athlete, or former college player, shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.

"If one or more ineligible players are used by a team during a game then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

"Immediately after April 30 the committee in consultation with the different managers and coaches will arrange the games of the championship series for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final contest for the State high school championship in baseball.

"The committee will pay one-half the railway fare both ways, and will provide entertainment for those two teams while they are at the Hill.

"No two teams shall play more than two games with each other.

"In event that a team has played a hard schedule, the committee reserves the right to waive the letter of the requirement in rule 2, if in its judgment after carefully reviewing the record of the team, such a course is wise, and to allow it to enter the championship series provided it shall have won 75 per cent of the games played.

"The committee further reserves the right to permit a team having less than a record of 75 per cent victories to enter the championship series, should such a course after having been carefully considered, seem right and proper to the committee.

"In case it appears that some team has deliberately cancelled a scheduled game with another team, or has deliberately avoided meeting a rival team, the committee reserves the privilege of dealing with the situation as it thinks best."

## OPINIONS DIFFER AS TO ACTION OF COMMITTEE

(Continue From Page Five).

requirements of law, and in so doing they have chosen Hon. E. H. Cranmer to represent them in the Senate branch of the General Assembly. The people did not select Senator Cranmer to represent the executive committee in the General Assembly, but to represent them, the people of the county as a whole and no particular body or small group of men.

"The constitution provides for the Senator to represent the people in the Senate, and the member in the House to represent them in the House, and each is required to take an oath that he will perform his duties, and with the oath taken, the members of the Democratic Executive Committee who were present at the meeting on last Tuesday, by resolution in effect requested Senator Cranmer to ignore his oath and to stand aside and permit Representative Grant to usurp his powers, and perform Cranmer's duties so far as New Hanover county is locally concerned, a suggestion which does not meet with the approval of all the people of this county, I am sure, and one which I think is an unjust and undeserved reflection upon our Senator, who is the peer of any member of the committee participating in the passage of the resolution.

"I do not feel that I am alone in indulging the hope, and confidently expecting Senator Cranmer to continue to exercise the functions and perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability until his term of office expires, or until he resigns, in which event his successor will be again elected by the people of his district and not by the executive committee.

"The committee's action is, in my opinion, equivalent to saying: 'We cannot control Senator Cranmer, but can control Representative Grant;' a suggestion which, if true, should not be so, and if not true in justice to Mr. Grant the situation should be clarified.

"I would, and others would like to know, the real and true inwardness of this action on the part of the Legislative committee, styling themselves the Democratic Executive Committee. With war almost upon us, and a certainty of increase of taxes, surely at this time we should forego the pleasure of additional officers whose salaries will have to be paid until we are relieved of the war taxes, which are sure to come, especially when we have been able to get along without them up to the present time, with no special change in county conditions for the last four years at least.

"Personally, I indulge the hope, and expect the realization of my desire that Senator Cranmer will continue his efforts to represent the people of the county to the best of his ability, and in compliance with his oath of office.

"Respectfully yours,

"E. K. BRYAN."

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# SPORTS

## AMERICAN LEAGUE ALSO ABROGATES AGREEMENT

**Relations With the Players' Fraternity Terminated.**

**Annual Schedule Meeting is Held—Breach of Two Leagues With Fraternity Approved by National Commission.**

New York, Feb. 15.—Relations with the Baseball Players' Fraternity were severed by the American League at its schedule meeting here today when similar action taken by the National League yesterday was endorsed in the following resolutions:

"Whereas, the Players' Fraternity has repeatedly violated the letteer and spirit of an agreement entered into with them on January 6, 1914, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the American League of Professional Baseball Club that all relations with said fraternity be and the same are hereby terminated."

The playing schedule for the coming season was adopted, the action of the National Commission in reference to the requests of the National Association of Minor Leagues was approved, and while the playing rules were discussed, no changes were recommended. The league also passed a resolution suggesting that baseball players of the American League be given an opportunity to become civilian soldiers. The proposals were that at each spring training camp one hour a day be devoted to military instruction; that a military training camp be established at the close of the world's series, and that President Johnson be empowered to consult with Major General Leonard Wood concerning the details of this project.

At a meeting of the National Commission, also held here today, the action taken by the National and American Leagues abrogating the "Cincinnati agreement" with the players' federation was approved. Several requests made by the National Association of Minor Baseball Leagues were granted by the commission, but the principal one, which was to eliminate the draft from Class AA and Class A clubs, was denied.

Three pitchers signed contracts for 1917 today. They were Bob Shawkey, with the New York Americans; Harry Harper with the Washington club, and Dick Rudolph with the Boston Nationals.

The International League will hold its annual schedule meeting at Newark, N. J., tomorrow.

### ADOPTS CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR THE OPEN GOLF TITLE

New York, Feb. 15.—The conditions of play for the open championship as recommended by the executive committee of the United States Golf Association, have been adopted by the Professional Golfers' Association of America, and are as follows:

First day—The whole field to play 18 holes medal play; second day, the same; third day, 64 best scores and ties, 36 holes meal play, the winner to be the one making the lowest score for the 72 holes played.

This will shorten the tournament by one day. The dates of the open championship are July 11 to 13, inclusive, and it will be played at the Braeburn Country Club, Massachusetts.

### Davidson Schedule Completed.

Davidson, N. C., Feb. 15.—Manager Clark, after much correspondence, has finally announced the completed schedule for the football season for the coming fall. The two games that were open when the schedule was printed in the columns of The Star some time ago have been filled. On November 3rd, Furman University will be played at Greenville, S. C., and on November 17th, Wake Forest will be played, the place to be decided later.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

### SENATE

Met at 10:30 a. m.

Resumed debate on postoffice appropriation bill.

Amendments for one cent postage on drop letters and higher rates on second class matter were adopted, and then the Senate voted to reconsider them.

Amendment adopted barring publications with liquor advertising from the mails in states prohibiting such advertising.

Recessed at 6:07 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. Friday.

### HOUSE

Met at 11 a. m.

Considered army appropriation bill.

Resolution for National prohibition amendment favorably reported by judiciary committee.

Adjourned at 5:36 p. m. to 11 a. m. Friday.

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## ROTARY ENTERTAINMENT SCORES A BIG SUCCESS

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Buck and Wing Dancing—Ed Brewer and Joe Meier.

Selection —Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers.

Selection—Acme Quartette.

Grand Finale—"Old Black Joe"—Assisted by Entire Company.

**Act II—Scene 2.**

Moon Chorus—Evelyn Jenkns, Delores Vaughn, Blanche Capp, Virginia Hall and 25 little girls.

Hayseed Chorus—Mr. Gerken and twenty boys.

Barn Dance—Para Lee Bessellieu, Rosa Thompson and 30 little girls.

**Act II—County Fair.**

Handy Andy—J. L. Hazlehurst.

Giggling Sal—Catherine Williams.

Uncle Jake—W. W. Wood.

Aunt Mary—Mr. Marion Harriss.

Boss Jones—Cyrus Hogue.

Prof. Sparatti—C. C. Cashwell.

Widow Smithers—Mrs. Ross.

Dutch Woman—Chas. Nixon.

Lunch Woman—Stella Le Beau.

Miss Langdon—Essie Harriss.

Miss Newcomer—Mary Cameron.

Hiram Green—Greene Fenley, Jr.

Birdie, his bride—Florence Taylor.

Widower Jones—Oscar Peck.

Dutch children, Jones children, Fakirs, Spielers, etc.

**Specialty—"Room to Rent."**

Miss Eleanor Harris, Mr. A. L. Perry and chorus.

College Boy—Miss C. Williams, and High School chorus.

**Act III—Cabaret.**

One-step.

Spanish Song—Miss Harriss.

Spanish Dance—Misses Taylor, Harriss, Woolridge and Harriss.

Boogie Man Rag—Miss Farmer and Boogie Man Girls.

Dance—Eleanor Todd Moffitt.

"The Toddle", New York's latest dance—Mrs. Paul Cantwell and Mr. Greene Fenley, Jr.

Gibson Man—Miss Annie Banks and Society chorus.

Dance, "Water Sprite"—Miss Cameron.

"Mavourneen" with Violin Obligato—Miss Warren and Mrs. Harriss.

Aeroplane Waltz—Misses Farmer, Taylor, Holliday, Woolridge; Messrs. Perry, Cantwell, Burnside and Morrison.

One-Step.

Toe Dancing—Miss Margaret Waldrop.

Gee, I'm Glad I'm Home—Mr. Gerkin and Chorus.

Finale—See-Saw—Miss Warren and Chorus.

## LOCAL PYTHIANS PLAN BIG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Elaborate Programme is Being Arranged for Event Next Friday.**

The Pythians of Wilmington are preparing to have a big celebration in their Castle Hall on Friday night, February 23rd, the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the founding of the order, also the 41st anniversary of the establishment of its insurance department.

An attractive programme is being arranged, one of the features of which will be the main address, which will be delivered by Past Supreme Representative W. A. Owen, of Covington, Tenn. There will also be a number of recitations by several local young people and special music for the occasion will be furnished by the Symphony Glee Club.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend, and it is safe to say that they will derive much entertainment and profit, in view of the splendid programme which will be rendered.

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of the following: Mr. J. D. Kelley, of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1; Mr. W. C. Scroggins, Clarendon Lodge, No. 2; and Mr. W. P. McGlaughon, Jefferson Lodge, No. 61.


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# Holiday Dress for Little Folks

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Party Frock of Silver Lace and Pale Blue Soiree Silk

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Velvet Coat and Hat Trimmed with Fur Bands and Buttons

Pretty Slipover Frock in Tan Pongee and Golden Brown Faille Matinee

***Party Frocks and Coats Fit To Cover Them Are the Absorbing Interest Now - Slipover Dresses of Dainty Silk for Holiday Affairs At Home - The Little Boy's Formal Toggery - Footwear.***

CRUELLY mistreated by fate indeed is the little girl who has not at least one holiday party on hand for this coming week—a week given over to the children and the "young people" by custom and propriety and a week in most centers where one delightful party follows another through all the six days of possible party giving.

The holiday week party usually begins about four or five o'clock and lasts until seven or at latest, eight, so that small people may be in their beds at a reasonable hour. Supper—the supreme event of the occasion of course—is served midway of the party and after it comes dancing, for every well brought up little lad or lass nowadays attends dancing school and knows the new steps as well—or better than—grown up dancers.

**Coats For Holiday Festivities.**

Smart out-of-door toggery plays an important part in the holiday affairs. Not only must the little girl have a lovely party frock but there must also be a coat of ceremony to accompany it—a special coat far removed in elegance and distinction from the knockabout school coat. Very good looking little coats are of velour cloth with ripple fullness set below a deep yoke and a big military collar of fur—otter, beaver or opossum—at the neck. Velveteen coats in wine color, green or dark brown are sufficiently smart when well cut and provided with fur collars. A coat of this sort, of wine velveteen, is shirred and corded at the waistline and has long pocket slits on the skirt with closely set fancy buttons, the same buttons fastening the front of the waist portion. The cuffs are bordered with opossum and there is a stole collar of the velveteen which wraps around the throat, one end falling over the shoulder toward the back. Each end of the stole collar is tipped with a big fur ball. To match this coat there is a cunning shirred bonnet-hat of wine velveteen with a band of fur and a silver cockade. Inside the coat is a lining of white satin.

Pretty Coat of Biscuit Broadcloth Trimmed with Beaver

A coat of better grade is of Burgundy velvet, also of black or navy blue velvet, with a lining of lustrous white soiree silk and trimming of winter ermine. There are dressy little coats also, of velour cloth and of broadcloth in rich color with silk stitching in rows and trimming of beaver or chinchilla squirrel.

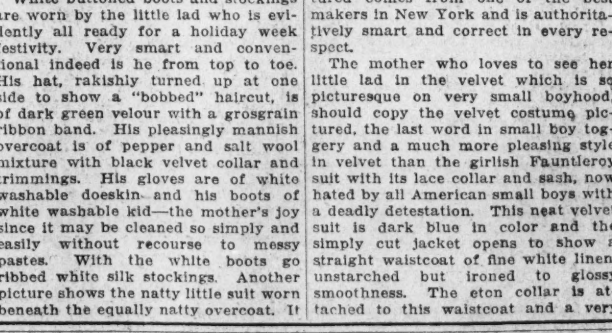
**Footwear Smart As The Coat.**

Holiday outdoor attire demands very smart boots and some of these are expensive affairs indeed made of exquisitely soft leathers with buttoned tops of kid or cloth. The very little child who keeps to short socks indoors all winter long, wears leggins over the buttoned boot of outdoor dress, but older children wear ribbed stockings of silk or wool in the color of the shoe. Very correctly dressed for a holiday week festivity is the small girl wearing a coat of biscuit broadcloth and beaver fur. This coat shows the shirred and corded waistline above referred to and has a convertible collar edged with beaver. The buttons of fur add a smart trimming touch. The puffed velvet bonnet is white, with a white tassel at one side. "Party" shoes of fine workmanship accompany the coat—which of course, covers the party frock. The pretty boots are of black glazed kid and have the formal buttoned top demanded by this type of boot. The stockings are of black silk in close weave. A child's stocking should never have a hint of transparency.

His Party Suit of Navy Velvet with the Correct Sort of Waistcoat and Turnover Collar of Fine White Linen

**Gala Attire For The Wee Boy.**

White buttoned boots and stockings are worn by the little lad who is evidently all ready for a holiday week festivity. Very smart and conventional indeed is he from top to toe. His hat, rakishly turned up at one side to show a "bobbed" haircut, is of dark green velour with a grosgrain ribbon band. His pleasingly mannish overcoat is of pepper and salt wool mixture with black velvet collar and trimmings. His gloves are of white washable doeskin and his boots of white washable kid—the mother's joy since it may be cleaned so simply and easily without recourse to messy pastes. With the white boots go ribbed white silk stockings. Another picture shows the natty little suit worn beneath the equally natty overcoat. It is a modern middy model, of dark blue serge with white braid trimming, a shield of white cloth and a squarely knotted tie of black taffeta. Such a suit is always appropriate for a "party" occasion if it is crisply new, well cut and faultlessly pressed. Good suits of this sort, for little boys show the careful silk sewing of seams and details, that ready-made garments for little girls sometimes lack. Man's garb has often the excellence of silk seaming and finish where woman's garb lacks this mark of exclusiveness and distinction. The middy suit pictured comes from one of the best makers in New York and is authoritatively smart and correct in every respect.



Black and White Wool Coat, White Gloves and Stockings for the Real Boy

The mother who loves to see her little lad in the velvet which is so picturesque on very small boyhood, should copy the velvet costume pictured, the last word in small boy toggery and a much more pleasing style in velvet than the girlish Fauntleroy suit with its lace collar and sash, now hated by all American small boys with a deadly detestation. This neat velvet suit is dark blue in color and the simply cut jacket opens to show a straight waistcoat of fine white linen, unstarched but ironed to glossy smoothness. The eton collar is attached to this waistcoat and a very narrow tie of black silk is drawn under the collar. This little boy wears formal dancing pumps of black glazed kid and stockings of ribbed black silk. He is delightfully correct and conventional—and rather picturesque too, with his fair hair and his dark blue velvet coat and breeches. And speaking of breeches, remember that knickers have entirely "gone out" for small boyhood; breeches are the thing especially in all formal costumes.

**Silver Gleams On The Childish Party Dress.**

Several shops were searched for a childish party frock, pretty enough and typical enough of this season's best mode to be presented to you on today's page; and choice was made of the lovely little costume pictured. Its skirt is made of silver lace ruffles, each gathered to the next above, and underneath is a foundation of pale blue China silk. This slip runs up to the waistline only and the bodice of white lace (also sewed together in little frills) is mounted over flesh-tinted chiffon. The cunning draped overskirt is of pale blue soiree silk with a cord run through the hem. The overskirt is shirred with blue sewing silk exactly matching in shade and there is no separate sash. Pale blue ribbon is banded over my little lady's curls, and she wears blue silk stockings and party slippers of blue glazed kid.

For a more informal affair—like a holiday family dinner or evening gathering where the children are allowed to be present, is the little slipover frock in shades of light brown. The slipover is of golden brown faille matinee, with lacing of cream silk cord in the neck opening and collar and cuffs of cream-tinted messaline hemmed with a featherstitching of golden brown silk. The pleated skirt is of tan colored shantung and at the sides the slipover laces below the hips with cream silk cord. White washable kid buttoned boots and white silk stockings lend added formality to this simple little silk frock, and the little maid's hair, softly waved and curled, is tied up with a bow of deep pink ribbon.

A party coat, truly, is the babyish model of ruby colored velvet with ermine cuffs and buttons and a little ermine head tucked under the chin. The velvet hat has also an ermine topknot and a band of ermine around the brim and streamers of velvet fall from the topknot in a smart new manner.

# Successful Dinner-Giving not a Difficult Art

THERE is no more delightful way of returning social obligations than the way of dinner-giving. The hostess who bids her guests to dinner has no trouble to obtain plenty of men—the man who simply will not be corralled for a dance, and who is bored by bridge, will accept with eagerness an invitation to dinner, especially if he is a lone bachelor condemned to boarding house or restaurant meals on most of the evenings of his week.

There is no trouble about providing entertainment for dinner guests, either. The dinner is entertainment enough in itself and afterward when coffee is served in the drawing room a little music—even only a record or two on the phonograph, will sufficiently round out the evening. And dinner-giving should not be the bogie it is to the average housekeeper. One does not require a retinue of servants and hundreds of dollars worth of glass, china and napery to give a worth while dinner. Most delightful "little dinners" may be arranged and carried out perfectly in a modest home and the cost need not be prohibitive if extravagant service of wines is omitted.

One well trained maid in sympathy with a mistress who is systematic should be able to manage a dinner of six very nicely. And a maid thoroughly in sympathy with "little dinner" giving is she who is adequately recompensed for the extra trouble involved, and plentifully assisted—beforehand—by her mistress. She must also be perfectly free from nervousness and quite sure of her ability to handle the service end of the dinner—a maid who has always an anxious eye on the ready-for-criticism eye of a mistress is sure to do something awkward and awful during the course of even the littlest home dinner when there is only one guest present. Perfect service at table should be exacted every day of the three hundred and sixty-five; the neat dress, the quiet step, the noiseless handling of dishes and silver, the careful "passing plates at the left and removing them at the right" and so on. Then when the guest, or guests, are present at the board everything will go smoothly and neither mistress or maid will suffer agonies of nervousness.

For a dinner of eight places, an extra maid should be provided. A well trained general houseworker can take care of six, if she is calm of head and quick of hand; but eight will be rather too many for her. For about two dollars a competent waitress may be engaged for an evening from a caterer, and most housekeepers who entertain at all have on their memorandum pad the name of some outside helper who will come in for an evening for a less price and "help with the waiting." One woman who entertains delightfully gives two "little dinners" each month and invites eight people to each, thus returning most of her social obligations as they are incurred. An afternoon tea once during the winter wipes out the rest.

Obviously, the woman who keeps but one maid, must do a good deal herself in preparation for even "little dinner" parties; and the menu must be arranged with great discrimination so that as much as possible may be ready long before the dinner hour draws near. This is quite possible with soup, salad and dessert. The soup needs only heating and salad and dessert should be all ready to serve in the icebox or in a cold pantry. It is a mistake to have too many courses, an ostentatious effect is to be avoided and the ideal aimed at should be charm, cozy enjoyment and really delicious dishes, if only a few. Six courses should be enough, including: Grapefruit-punch, soup, entree, roast, salad and dessert. Coffee will be served in the drawing room afterward, and cigars will be passed to the men and cigarettes to the women—if one wishes to be very modern. It is not necessary at such a modest dinner to have a long and expensive wine list. Indeed, it is not necessary to have any wine at all, though in such case charged water should be served instead of ordinary iced water. If more exhilarating refreshment is desired, cocktails may be passed in the drawing room just before dinner is served; a light wine like sauterne served with the soup and a red wine like burgundy or even claret with the meat course. Cordial, in tiny glasses will be passed in the drawing room with the coffee.

Wedge shaped pieces of iced melon, or a punch made of oranges, grapefruit and bananas, will be refreshing as a first course. Bread or crackers need not be passed with the soup, for a crusty roll with butter on each individual butter plate will relieve the one maid of that part of the service. Crackers toasted with a sprinkling of cheese may be passed with the salad course. There are various dainty entrees which can easily be prepared in the morning and tucked into the oven just before dinner. Among these are: Chicken, sweetbreads or oysters scalloped in ramekin; creamed asparagus tips or creamed chicken in pastry patty shells; creamed fish or macaroni and cheese baked in small individual dishes, and so on. The roast, and its attendant vegetables—three should be quite sufficient and two will answer—will be all the maid has to bother seriously about in the hour preceding dinner, and the hostess should be dressed and covered with a big apron, to relieve her helper just before the guests are expected; so that the cook may make herself into a dainty waitress with smooth hair, dark frock, cap and apron. These things can be managed without anybody becoming flustered or nervous if everything has been arranged systematically beforehand—and if the maid is accustomed to waiting on table properly seven days of the week.

The table set for a New Year's dinner party of eight is most attractive against its background of paneling and Jacobean oak furniture; and be it remembered a dinner environment may be as luxurious as its hostess' wedding presents provide for even when it is a "little dinner" served by one maid. White and green are the colors used and there is a suggestion of formality in the New Year table. Christmas dinners suggest rosy good cheer and Thanksgiving golden plenty and family informality; but New Year is the time for a formal suggestion and delicate colors in decoration.

New Year's Dinner For Eight. The Table Appointments Are Elaborate But One Well Trained Maid Should Be Able To Manage The Service.

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## COTTON DECLINES SHARPLY

**Rumors of British Embargo on Exports Causes Unsettlement—13 to 26 Points Decline.**

New York, Feb. 15.—Rumors that the British government would place a temporary embargo on imports of all kinds except ammunition and foodstuffs, served to unsettle sentiment in the cotton market here today. After selling at 16.20 early, May broke to 15.84 or 36 points not lower and closed at 15.96 with the general list closing steady at a net decline of 13 to 26 points.

The market opened at a decline of 19 to 23 points in response to lower cables, but rallied to about last night's closing figures during the middle of the morning. March sold up from 15.85 to 16.07 and October from 15.55 to 15.30, making a net advance of 3 points on the active new crop delivery. Demand became less active after the close abroad, however, and prices here turned easier on apprehensions that congested transportation facilities would check distribution. There were also rumors that Great Britain had prohibited speculative transactions in cotton futures except for the evening-up of old trades.

Offerings were not particularly heavy but there was very little support around the ring, and the market broke to 15.75 for March and 15.49 for October or about 28 to 37 points net lower during the late trading. Prices then steadied on the large exports for the day and covered with the close showing rallies of 10 or 12 points from the lowest.

| | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| March | 15.92 | 16.07 | 15.75 | 15.86 |
| May | 16.00 | 16.20 | 15.84 | 15.96 |
| July | 16.03 | 16.25 | 15.88 | 15.99 |
| October | 15.55 | 15.80 | 15.49 | 15.61 |
| December | 15.69 | 15.90 | 15.61 | 15.75 |

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 15.85.

### THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.19; receipts, 2,097; exports, 14,910; sales, 805; stock, 430,101.

Galveston—Middling, 16.25; receipts, 6,923; exports, 16,973; sales, 250; stock, 289,185.

Mobile—Middling, 16.00; receipts, 286; stock, 13,259.

Savannah—Middling, 18.50; receipts, 555; stock, 180,320.

Charleston—Receipts, 20; stock, 55,896.

Wilmington—16¼; receipts, 63; stock, 51,988.

Norfolk — Middling, 16.25; receipts, 537; sales, 17; stock, 99,912.

Baltimore—Stock, 11,317.

Boston—Middling, 16.30; receipts, 197; stock, 12,200.

Philadelphia — Middling, 16.10; receipts, 22; exports, 1,026; stock, 2,106.

New York—Middling, 15.85; receipts, 12; exports, 616; sales, 1,000; stock, 167,550.

Minor Ports—Stock, 71,306.

Total today—Receipts, 10,762; exports, 34,425; stock, 1,385,640.

Total for week—Receipts, 71,582; exports, 75,443.

Total for season—Receipts, 5,735,382; exports, 3,900,828.

**Interior Movement.**

Houston — Middling, 16.15; receipts, 2,163; shipments, 2,166; sales, 71; stock, 160,036.

Memphis — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 2,834; shipments, 1,792; sales, 400; stock, 347,366.

Augusta — Middling, 16.50; receipts, 537; shipments, 500; sales, 289; stock, 120,049.

St. Louis — Receipts, 605; shipments, 939; stock, 30,789.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 192; shipments, 166; stock, 23,464.

Little Rock—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 32; shipments, 156; sales, 156; stock, 37,845.

Dallas—Middling, 15.75; sales, 32.

Montgomery—Middling, 16.50.

Total today—Receipts, 6,416; shipments, 5,716; stock, 720,099.

### NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

**Unfavorable Rumors Have Full Sway and Prices Go Downward.**

New Orleans, Feb. 15.—The cotton market was a prey to unfavorable rumors today, most of which appeared to have only slight foundation in fact. At the lowest of the session prices were 25 to 37 points under yesterday's close. Last prices were steady at a net loss of 16 to 28 points.

Poor cables and uneasiness over international politics opened the market at lower levels, prices losing about $1 a bale in the early trading. Around the middle of the morning the market steadied temporarily. Reports that England had put a ban on future trading, except to close out old trades, and would also restrict imports to foodstuffs and munitions of war, however, were followed by real weakness.

The lowest levels were reached in the early afternoon and toward the close the market recovered a few points on covering and the conclusion by the trade that the Liverpool rumors were simply the result of an order issued some time ago by the British government, seeking to suppress outside participation in cotton trading.

Closing bid: March 15.54; May 15.52; July 15.55; October 15.12; December 15.25.

Spot cotton, nominal and unchanged; sales on the spot 695 bales; to arrive 110 bales; middling 17.19.

### COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, February 15. — After opening lower, cotton seed oil steadied with lard, but again eased off near the close, under liquidation in nearby deliveries and lack of outside support. The close was generally 5 to 7 lower. Tenders, 200 barrels. Sales, 10,100 barrels. Close, easier. Spot, 12.50 bid; February, 12.50@12.60; March, 12.52@12.54; April, 12.21@12.32; May, 12.22@12.23; June, 12.20@12.23; July, 12.21@12.22; August, 12.18@12.20; September, 12.09@12.15.

### NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, February 15. — Beeves, no trading.

Calves—Steady. Indiana and Ohio veals, 11.50@11.55; culls, 10.50; Indiana fed calves, 7.00@9.75.

Sheep and Lambs — Strong. Prime lambs, 15.50@15.65.

Hogs—No trading.

## WHEAT PRICES JUMP UPWARD

**Probability of British Ships Loading Grain Instead of Cotton, Has Favorable Effect.**

Chicago, February 15.—Wheat jumped up today largely as a result of the assertions that British ships would load grain in preference to cotton, and that the Netherlands government had been successful in solving difficulties which had brought to a standstill all Dutch traffic with the United States. The market closed strong, 1⅝ to 3⅛c. net higher, with May at 1.74⅝ to 1.74⅞ and July to 1.49¼ to 1.49½.

Corn gained ⅞ to 1c. and oats 1c. to 1¼@1⅜c. In provisions, the outcome was the same as yesterday's finish to 10 cents lower. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.74⅝; July, 1.49¼.

Corn—May, 1.01½; July, 1.00⅛.

Oats—May, 57¼; July, 55⅜.

Pork—May, 30.00; July, 29.30.

Lard—May, 16.72; July, 16.85.

Ribs—May, 15.77; July, 15.87.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.74½; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.70¾.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 1.01; No. 4, yellow, 98¾@1.00; No. 4, white, 98¾@99¾.

## MARINE.

### MARINE DIRECTORY.

**List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,388 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

### WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—48.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.75-13c.

CRUD ETURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, $2.15-3c.; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

**RECEIPTS:**

Spirits Turpentine .. .. .. .. .. .. 1

Rosin .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 46

Tar .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 36

Crude Turpentine .. .. .. .. .. .. 4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 14 barrels; tar, 16 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

**COTTON MARKET.**

Market—16¼c.; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—47 bales; same day last year, 240 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,220 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 146,513 bales.

### BY RIVER AND RAIL

**Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.**

February 15, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—47 bales cotton; 36 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Worth J—1 cask spirits turpentine; 46 barrels rosin.

Total—117 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 46 barrels rosin; 36 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 15.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to 80c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 25c.; highest grade, washed wool, 33c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 13c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

### WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 15. — North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

### PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 15.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.50 per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¼c per lb.; Prime, 4c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3 to 3¾c per lb.

### LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 15. — Cotton, spot, weak. Good midrling, 10.98; midrling, 10.88; low middling, 10.70.

Sales, 10,000 bales; 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 22,000. Futures, quiet and steady. February, 10.43. February-March, 10.41; March-April, 10.39; April-May, 10.35; May-June, 10.32; June-July, 10.27; July-August, 10.23; August-September, 10.00; September-October, 9.74; October-November, 9.62; November-December, 9.55; December-January, 9.52; January-February, 9.49; February-March, 9.49.

**Death of Mr. Grant.**

Mr. George B. Grant, son of Mr. B. L. Grant, died at 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Red Cross Sanitarium. He was 39 years old. He is survived by his father, Mr. B. L. Grant; one sister, Mrs. F. M. Griffith, of Wilmington, and three brothers, Messrs. Charles Grant, of Wilmington; B. L. Grant, of Jacksonville, Fla., and O. C. Grant, of Hampstead. Funeral announcements will be made later.

## STOCKS EXTREMELY DULL

**All Records Since the Stagnant Sessions of Last Summer Surpassed. Prices Are Down.**

New York, Feb. 15.—All records for dullness since the stagnant sessions of last summer were surpassed today, total dealings only amounting to 295,500 shares. Of this amount about one-third occurred in the first hour, the later periods being marked by frequent pauses.

Price movements of standard stocks drifted slowly downward, while speculative issues were more variable. Leading industrials, including United States Steel, yielded 1 to 2 points, as did most of the equipments and munitions, with a 10-point break in Bethlehem Steel (old stock) on a single transaction.

Motors, metals and utilities made extreme recessions of 1 to 3 points, gas shares once more showing conspicuous weakness, with other issues of less definite strength. Intermittent strength in sugars, fertilizers, Continental and American Cans, Loose-Wiles Biscuit and Acme Tea failed to attract more than passing attention. Federal Mining and Smelting preferred, rose 5⅜ points on an increased dividend, but in most other instances specific causes were altogether lacking.

Firmness was shown by rails at the outset but later New Haven fell to 37½, the lowest level yet recorded. Canadian Pacific, Lehigh Valley and a few wother stocks of the highest class were subject to moderate pressure.

Indications of another international loan, probably in the form of commercial credits to French banking interests, were furnished by the visit of a leading financier to Washington.

Aside from slight irregularity, the bond market was featureless. Total sales, par value, $2,435,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

### NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

| | |
|---|---|
| Allis-Chalmers | 23½ |
| American Beet Sugar | 103¾ |
| American Can | 43 |
| American Car and Foundry | 62⅛ |
| American Cotton Oil, ex. div | 41 |
| American Locomotive | 69 |
| American Smelting | 96 |
| American Sugar | 107¼ |
| American Tel. and Tel | 124¼ |
| American Tobacco, ex. div | 209 |
| American Zinc | 36 |
| Anaconda Copper | 74¾ |
| Atchison | 102 |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 110⅞ |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 51⅜ |
| Baltimore and Ohio | 76⅛ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 380 |
| Canadian Pacific | 151⅜ |
| Central Leather | 85¼ |
| Chesapeake and Ohio | 58½ |
| Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul | 80 |
| Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry | 26 |
| Colorado Fuel and Iron | 43⅛ |
| Consolidated Gas | 121 |
| Corn Products | 20¾ |
| Crucible Steel | 63⅞ |
| Cuba Cane Sugar | 38¼ |
| Erie | 25⅞ |
| General Electric | 164 |
| Great Northern, pfd | 112¾ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 31⅛ |
| Goodrich | 54½ |
| Illinois Central | 101⅝ |
| Inspiration Copper | 55 |
| Int. Mer. Marine, pfd | 67¼ |
| International Nickel | 40½ |
| International Paper | 36⅛ |
| Kansas City Southern | 21¼ |
| Kennecott Copper | 42⅝ |
| Lehigh Valley | 72¼ |
| Louisville and Nashville | 123½ |
| Liggett and Meyers | 265 |
| Lorillard Co | 200 |
| Maxwell Motors | 54 |
| Mexican Petroleum | 85¾ |
| National Lead | 54½ |
| New York Central | 93⅝ |
| N. Y., N. H. and Hartford | 37⅞ |
| Norfolk and Western | 128¾ |
| Northern Pacific | 103½ |
| Pennsylvania | 54¾ |
| Ray Consolidated Copper | 25⅜ |
| Reading | 91⅛ |
| Rep. Iron and Steel | 74 |
| Seaboard Air Line | 14¾ |
| Seaboard Air Line, pfd | 33 |
| Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron | 58 |
| Studebaker Corporation | 101 |
| Southern Pacific | 93 |
| Southern Railway | 28¼ |
| Southern Railway, pfd | 62 |
| Tennessee Copper | 15¼ |
| Texas Co | 216¾ |
| Union Pacific | 137¾ |
| United Fruit | 137½ |
| United States Rubber | 52⅝ |
| United States Steel | 104⅜ |
| United States Steel, pfd | 117⅞ |
| Utah Copper | 105¾ |
| Virginia-Caro. Chem | 37⅞ |
| Wabash, Pfd., "B" | 24⅞ |
| Western Union | 94 |
| Westinghouse Electric | 50⅜ |
| Missouri Pacific, W. I. | 28 |

### CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, February 15. — Hogs, weak, 15c. under yesterday's average. Bulk, 12.10@12.30; light, 11.60@12.25; mixed, 11.95@12.35; heavy, 11.95@12.40; rough, 11.95@12.10; pigs, 9.40@10.70.

Cattle — Weak. Native beef cattle, 7.35@13.00; western steers, not quoted; stockers, 6.25@9.25; cows and heifers, 5.20@10.40; calves, 9.75@14.00.

Sheep—Unsettled. Wethers, 11.00@12.00; ewes, 8.40@11.75; lambs, 12.40@14.90.

### MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 15. — Mercantile paper, 4. Sterling sixty day bills, 4.72; commercial sixty day bills on banks, 4.72; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71¾; demand, 4.75 7-16; cables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 78⅝; Mexican dollars, 60⅜; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, firm; sixty days, 3¾@4; ninety days, 4@4¼; six months, 4@4¼. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2.

### SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15. — Turpentine, quiet, 49. Sales, none; receipts, 28; shipments, 2; stock, 14,947.

Rosin — Firm. Sales, 318; receipts, 269; shipments, 30; stock, 79,449. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, 6.00; H, I, K, M, 6.20; N, 6.40; W G, 6.50; W W, 6.75.

### DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 15. — Spot demand for cotton goods of a staple character held quite steady today with values rather firm. Yarns were steady. The men's wear business is reported to be quiet, with prices firm on a high level.

### THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.**

February 16, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 46 degrees; at 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 67 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 55 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .11 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .39 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 5.3 feet.

**THE WEATHER.**

For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; warmer Saturday.

**STORM WARNING.**

Washington, D. C., February 15. — Hoist northeast storm warning 11 a. m., Sandy Hook to Savannah. Storm of marked intensity over eastern Tennessee will move east notheastward, attended by fresh and strong winds, shifting to northwest gale this afternoon or tonight. Northeast warnings displayed from Nantucket to New York.

MITCHELL.

**The Port Calendar, Feb. 16, 1917.**

Sun rises .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 6:56 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 5:57 P. M.

Day's length .. .. .. .. 11 hrs. 1 min.

**THE TIDES.**

| | High water. A.M. | P.M. | Low water. A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wilmington | 4:52 | 5:08 | 12:28 | 12:00 |
| Southport | 2:14 | 2:35 | 9:02 | 9:11 |
| Masonboro Inl | 2:03 | 2:24 | 8:42 | 8:51 |

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.**

February 15, 1917.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest today. | Lowest Last night. | Precipitation at 8 P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | cldy | 52 | 28 | .0 |
| Asheville | rain | 56 | 40 | .26 |
| Atlanta | cldy | 54 | 42 | .50 |
| Augusta | cldy | 68 | 48 | .42 |
| Baltimore | snow | 34 | — | .54 |
| Birmingh. | cldy | 48 | 48 | .80 |
| Boston | cldy | 32 | 18 | .0 |
| Charleston | clear | 66 | 46 | .01 |
| Charlotte | cldy | 60 | 40 | .24 |
| Chicago | cldy | 28 | 24 | .0 |
| Galveston | clear | 56 | 44 | .0 |
| Jacksonv | clear | 74 | 54 | .16 |
| Memphis | clear | 44 | 32 | .36 |
| Mobile | clear | 62 | 54 | .46 |
| Montgom'y | cldy | 54 | 52 | .38 |
| New Orl. | clear | 58 | 52 | .01 |
| New York | snow | 36 | 26 | .06 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 38 | 22 | .04 |
| Palestine | clear | 52 | 36 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | clear | 30 | 20 | .0 |
| Raleigh | rain | 58 | 38 | .28 |
| Savannah | clear | 74 | 52 | .04 |
| Shreveport | clear | 52 | 36 | .0 |
| St. Louis | clear | 46 | 28 | .0 |
| Washing'n | rain | 36 | 28 | .56 |

### NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 15. — Sugar — Raw, firm. Centrifugal, 5.40; molasses, 4.53; refined, steady.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 10; Santos, No. 4, 10½.

### WITH THE RECORDER.

**Jesse Leake Was the Principal Sufferer Yesterday Morning.**

Jesse Leake, the negro who was arrested in the sheriff's office Wednesday morning, on charges made in four different warrants, was the heaviest sufferer in yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court. Jesse drew six months for an assault with a deadly weapon on one man, three months for another assault with a deadly weapon on another, three months for carrying a concealed weapon, and one month for stealing a chicken, making a total of 13 months.

Other cases disposed of were: Willie Lloyd, assault with a deadly weapon, fined $25 and costs; Willie Lloyd, carrying a concealed weapon, judgment suspended for 12 months; Ernest James, violating the driving ordinance, costs; G. W. Fick, violating the driving ordinance, costs.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## ATLANTIC COAST LINE

**Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.**

| DEPARTURES | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS |
|---|---|---|
| No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M. | No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday. |
| No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M. | No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily. |
| No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations. | No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.** | No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily. | Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations. | No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M. | No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday. | Fayetteville and intermediate stations. | No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk. | No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily. |
| No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday | Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points. | No.58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday |

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, Passenger Traffic Manager. W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

**IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.**

**WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH**

| EASTBOUND | | | WESTBOUND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk | Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le | Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach | Leave Beach for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington | Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington |
| *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | ..... | *6:15 A.M. | *6:26 A.M. |
| 16:30 A.M. | 16:30 A.M. | x16:30 A.M. | z7:05 A.M. | 17:15 A.M. | 17:26 A.M. |
| *6:50 A.M. | *6:50 A.M. | ..... | ..... | *7:20 A.M. | *7:31 A.M. |
| *8:00 A.M. | *8:00 A.M. | ..... | *7:40 A.M. | *7:50 A.M. | *8:01 A.M. |
| *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | ..... | *8:30 A.M. | *8:41 A.M. |
| 18:30 A.M. | 18:30 A.M. | x18:30 A.M. | z9:05 A.M. | 19:15 A.M. | 19:26 A.M. |
| 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | *9:15 A.M. | *9:25 A.M. | *9:36 A.M. |
| 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | ..... | 10:20 A.M. | 10:31 A.M. |
| 11:00 P.M. | 11:00 P.M. | 11:00 P.M. | 10:45 A.M. | 10:55 A.M. | 11:06 A.M. |
| *1:10 P.M. | *1:10 P.M. | x*1:10 P.M. | 12:15 P.M. | 12:25 P.M. | 12:36 P.M. |
| o1:55 P.M. | o1:55 P.M. | ..... | 11:45 P.M. | 11:55 P.M. | 12:06 P.M. |
| 2:30 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | ..... | z*1:45 P.M. | *1:50 P.M. | *2:01 P.M. |
| 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | ..... | *2:25 P.M. | *2:36 P.M. |
| 3:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:00 P.M. | o3:11 P.M. |
| o4:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:50 P.M. |
| 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 3:45 P.M. | 3:55 P.M. | 4:06 P.M. |
| o4:50 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o4:30 P.M. |
| 5:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o5:10 P.M. |
| 6:10 P.M. | 6:10 P.M. | ..... | 5:15 P.M. | 5:25 P.M. | 5:36 P.M. |
| 6:40 P.M. | 6:40 P.M. | x6:40 P.M. | ..... | 6:00 P.M. | 6:11 P.M. |
| 7:15 P.M. | 7:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 6:40 P.M. | 6:51 P.M. |
| 8:15 P.M. | 8:15 P.M. | ..... | z7:15 P.M. | 7:20 P.M. | 7:31 P.M. |
| 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | ..... | 7:55 P.M. | 8:06 P.M. |
| 10:15 P.M. | 10:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 8:45 P.M. | 8:56 P.M. |
| 11:15 P.M. | 11:15 P.M. | ..... | 10:00 P.M. | 10:10 P.M. | 10:21 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10:45 P.M. | 10:56 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11:45 P.M. | 11:56 P.M. |

**SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS**

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
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*—Daily except Sunday. x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
!—Sundays only. z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3:20 A.M. Lv. | Wilmington | Ar. | 1:15 A.M. |
| 6:15 A.M. Ar. | Goldsboro | Lv. | 10:25 P.M. |
| 6:45 A.M. Lv. | Goldsboro | Ar. | 9:25 P.M. |
| 7:40 A.M. Ar. | Selma | Lv. | 8:38 P.M. |
| 8:52 A.M. Ar. | Raleigh | Lv. | 7:25 P.M. |

Sleepers will be open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, southbound, until 7:00 A. M.

For reservations and further information 'Phone 160.

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Steamship Chippewa, Mon., Feb. 19th.
Steamship Cherokee, Fri., Feb. 23rd.

**Wilmington to New York.**

Steamship Chippewa, Fri., Feb. 23rd.
Steamship Cherokee, Tues., Feb. 27th.
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**The Progressive Railroad of the South, Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.**

**DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON**

No. 13.—3:35 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

**ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:**

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

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**$28.75—New Orleans, La.**

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**Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South." 'Phone 160.**

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**The Progressive Railroad of the South.** Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.

**ATLANTA, GA. .....$13.95**
On sale June 15, 16, 17; limited returning Midnight June 25th. Stop-over any point.

**WASHINGTON, D. C. .....$13.20**
On sale April 10 to 15th inclusive; limited returning midnight April 30th.

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**WASHINGTON, D. C. .....$13.20**
On sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, limited returning midnight March 10th; limit extended to April 10th on payment $1.00.

**ATLANTA, GA .....$13.95**
On sale January 31, Feb. 3, 10, 11, 12 and 14th, limited returning midnight February 20th.

**MOBILE, ALA .....$24.55**
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd, limit extended to March 19th, on payment of $1.00.

**PENSACOLA, FLA .....$23.45**
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# SENATE AND HOUSE BOOST PROHIBITION

### One Amendment Would Prohibit Importation of Liquor Into Prohibition States.

### EXCLUDE "ADS" FROM MAIL

**Favorable Report in House on National Prohibition Constitutional Amendment—Webb Predicts Its Early Passage.**

Washington, Feb. 15.—Prohibition took a step forward today in both branches of Congress.

In the Senate drastic amendments to the postal appropriation bill were agreed to which would make criminal the importation of liquor into states which prohibit its manufacture and sale for beverage purposes, and which would exclude liquor advertisements from the mails in states which legislate against such advertising.

On the House side, the National prohibition constitutional amendment was favorably reported from the judiciary committee, with a prediction by Chairman Webb that it would be passed within a week. Champions of prohibition greeted this announcement with enthusiasm, in spite of their realization that passage in the House will end action on the amendment in so far as this session of Congress is concerned. There is no thought of action by the Senate before March 4, when the 64th Congress dies.

The amendment to the Postoffice appropriation bill to make it a crime to ship liquor into prohibition states was added by Senator Reed, of Missouri, to the Jones amendment barring newspapers or other publications or letters and postal cards containing liquor advertisements from the mails in states which have laws against such advertising. It was adopted after brief debate by a vote of 45 to 11 by the Senate sitting as a committee of the whole.

The Reed amendment, which awaits a final vote in the Senate, is as follows:

"Whoever shall order, purchase, or cause intoxicating liquors to be transported in interstate commerce except for scientific, sacramental, medicinal or mechancal purposes into any state or territory the laws of which state or territory prohibit the manufacture or sale therein of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, and for any subsequent offense, shall be imprisoned not more than one year.

## WANT PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER AND STATE OUSTER LAW

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discomfort of near-by senators, he exclaimed while the senators looked their amazement, "To hell with such doctrine, I will not stand for it." He rebuked senators for "following their master's voice."

**Senator Oates Resents**

Senates Oates resented the attitude and speech of Senator Person and Senator Jones directed attention to a rule of the Senate that prohibited personal attacks on any senator unless preceded by a motion by censure.

Senator Person then retracted all and offered apology to Senator Oates and others.

Senator Jones offered an amendment to strike out provision for the election of the county superintendent of schools and this was accepted by Senator Person.

The vote on the bill as amended was by roll call and was 25 to 18. Then the Bertie county bill for election of school board was passed 27 to 13.

**Inter-County Bridge Bill**

The Pharr bill for building inter-county bridges was considered and much amended, necessitating re-reference to committee. One would limit permission to charge tolls to bridges that replaced any destroyed in the floods of last July, another that the building be by mutual agreement by the commissioners of the counties and still another that no bridge under the provisions of the act must cost more than $40,000.

The Senate took recess to 7:30 o'clock to clear up a congested calendar that was burdening the clerks and clogging the legislative mill.

Among the bills unfavorably reported in the House were to incorporate Ivanhoe and Smithfield Cotton Mills.

**New Bills in House**

New bills were introduced as follows:

Parrish—Authorize commissioners of the various counties to locate cemeteries and re-inter bodies.

Scott—Amend the Pasquotank highway commission act.

Clayton—Amend the law as to the planting of oysters.

Matthews, of Bertie—Amend the law as to the age of working roads.

Grier—Amend the Revisal as to the State hospitals for the insane and create a purchasing agent for State institutions.

Brummitt and McLendon—Amend the Revisal as to the election or appointment of school boards.

McLendon—Increase the annual State appropriation for the high schools from $75,000 to $100,000.

Sellers—Protect game in Robeson county.

Roberts, of Buncombe—Provide for the erection of a storage warehouse for the State.

Matthewson—Prohibit playing golf and other games on Sunday.

Holding (for T. P. A.)—Require railroad to use cinder deflectors on passenger coaches.

Darden—Provide for State-wide tick eradication.

Killian—Authorize the commissioners of counties to appoint county manager.

King—Provide for the incorporation of rural communities.

Grant, of New Hanover—Amend section 1,789 of the Revisal of 1905.

**Superior Court Districts**

The House took up the Warren bill from the Senate to increase the Superior court districts and judges to 24 and have two circuits, Eastern and Western.

Representative Ray, of Macon, in opposing the bill said there are 237 weeks of court not used now in the State.

He named the unused weeks by districts the past year: First district 41, Second 15; Third 14; Fourth 11; Fifth 18; Sixth 8; Seventh 13; Eighth 12; Ninth 9; Tenth 13; Eleventh 7; Twelfth 11; Thirteenth 6; Fourteenth 12; Fifteenth 7; Sixteenth 15; Seventeenth 10; Eighteenth 14; Nineteenth 18; Twentieth 22.

He thought that emergency judicial service might be rendered by some of the present set of judges. Much opposition to the bill developed. Finally, Mr. Doughton moved that the bill go over in the hope that an agreement could be reached as to what is really needed. This course was taken.

**Roberts' Suffrage Bill**

The House took up the Roberts suffrage bill for Asheville and West Asheville and a roll call vote was 48 for and 53 against the bill. Then three members changed positions before the result was announced, but the result was not changed.

Representative Pritchard made a personal privilege statement as to his attitude in the matter of the Madison county election bill that had been recalled from the Senate and tabled. He had only in mind the purity of the ballot, he said.

Mr. Grier assured Pritchard that he intended no reflection on the author of the bill.

**Grant's Bill Progresses**

The Grant bill for the inspection of gasoline and other lighting and heating oils passed second reading and went over another day for final consideration.

The House adjourned to 11 o'clock Friday.


# FEW FOLKS HAVE GRAY HAIR NOW

**Well-Known Local Druggist Says Everybody is Using Old-Time Recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.**

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture improved by the addition of other ingredients by asking at any drug store for a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite to impart color and a youthful appearance to the hair. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.


# POSTAGE RATE FIGHT RENEWED IN SENATE

### Smoot Amendment Brings the Whole Subject Up Again.

**After Adoption of Changes in the Bill, Absent Senators Rush in With Storm of Protest—Vote Will be Re-Considered.**

Washington, Feb. 15.—The whole subject of increased second-class mail rates and one cent drop letter postage in cities and towns and on rural routes was re-opened today in the Senate. Amendments containing these provisions had been ruled out of the postoffice appropriation bill in committee of the whole several days ago on a point of order.

Late today, with many senators absent from the chamber, Senator Smoot re-offered the amendment to reduce postage on drop letters to one cent an ounce. As this would greatly reduce the postal revenue, Senator Bryan, acting for the postoffice committee, asked the Utah senator to couple with it the amendment to advance the rate on newspapers and magazines of a cent and a half a pound for next year and two cents a pound the following year. This was done, the amendment being agreed to without a roll call, and escaping attention of many senators who had opposed the propositions.

News of the development brought members from cloak and committee rooms in a stor of disapproval. Charges of snap action and unfair tactics were made until Senator Smoot agreed to move for a reconsideration of the vote, which prevailed by a vote of 39 to 26.

When reconsideration had been ordered Senator Smoot renewed his amendment for one cent drop letter postage. Senator Bryan declared that the committee could not favor this unless assurance could be given that the second class rates would be increased in order to prevent deficit. Senator Hoke Smith propose that the second class rates be fixed at one cent a pound for the first hundred miles, a cent and a half for the next 200 miles and a half cent additional for each hundred mile haul thereafter.

In the midst of discussion the Senate recessed until tomorrow morning.

## BODIES OF THREE AMERICANS FOUND JUST ACROSS THE BORDER

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While close observers of the border situation professed to see nothing alarming in Salazar's threat, a majority of the population was apprehensive. It was recalled that Villa before his raid on Columbus sent a warning that he was coming.

Later movements of the band which killed the American cowboys are unknown here. Spillsbury and companions had no difficulty in picking up the trail at the Corner Ranch, but it was soon lost and was not discernible where the bodies were found.

It became known tonight that the $5,000 demanded by Salazar of the Warren interests not only included the ransom of Spencer and his wife, but also carried with it a threat that unless it was paid 1,000 head of cattle at Ojitos would be confiscated, the ranch buildings burned and all property destroyed. Salazar was said to have 500 men at Ojitos.

## SAILING OF SHIPS WILL GIVE RELIEF

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eastwars, and the production of many raw products will be reduced.

**Learned Lesson Last Year**

Railroad traffic managers assert that the ship shortage situation of a year ago, when the export burden overtaxed New York's capacities, taught a lesson from which they are profiting in the present situation. At that time the piers and terminals were piled with freight, much of which perished before it could be exported. Under the system now in operation only those shipments are allowed to reach here for which consigneers prove in advance that cargo space is available.

The executive committee of the American Railway Association is expected to discuss the situation at a meeting here tomorrow. Today the representatives of thirty railroads reached a "gentlemen's agreement" in Washington to declare a virtual embargo on east-bound shipments intended for trans-Atlantic export. Under this plan empty cars in the east would be hurried westward to relieve congestion. Much of the car shortage there is attributed to the recent severe weather.


# APPLES

Two cars Yorks and Baldwins will arrive February 12th. We have just received a nice fresh stock Smith Bros. Cough Drops, Hershey's Milk Chocolate and Almond Bars, Tootsie Rolls, Chocolate Hands, etc.

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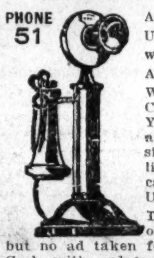


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**FLAGS FOR SALE — 3x5 FOR $1.00;** size 5x8 for $1.75; size 6x10 for $2.25. Fast colors. The C. W. Polvogt Co. fe16-1t

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**FOR DINNER TODAY — WE HAVE** some fine corned shoulders, backbone and chops, boiled ham, full cream cheese, sweet and Irish potatoes, onions, black eye peas, lima beans, apples, oranges, evaporated peaches and prunes, noodles, macaroni, and some fine table butter at 40c. pound. 'Phone 853. C. H. Bornemann. fe16-1t

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**DOWN WITH HIGH COST OF LIVING.** By eating cottage cheese, 1 pound cottage cheese, 1 box crackers and 1 pint milk will make a meal for five people; all for 30 cents. Warren's Creamery. fe16-1t*

**NOTICE—I HAVE MOVED FROM 408** South Fourth street to 108 South Front, with a full line of vegetables and groceries, and would thank any one to come see me before buying. Phone 1397, Dan Benton. fe 2-tf

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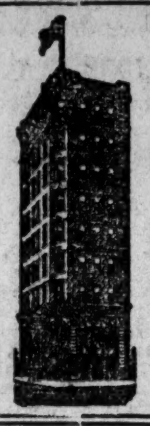

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EAST-**ern District of North Carolina—ss.: In the United States District Court in and for said District, Wilmington Division.

In the Matter of George R. Kornegay, of Calypso, N. C., Voluntary Bankrupt.—Petition for Discharge.

To the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

Geo. R. Kornegay, of Calypso, in the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 26th day of December, 1916, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts payable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 14th day of February, A. D. 1917.

GEO. R. KORNEGAY, Bankrupt.

**Order of Notice Thereon.**

Eastern District of North Carolina, County of New Hanover—ss:

On this 15th day of February, 1917, on reading the foregoing petition, it is Ordered by the Court. That a hearing be had upon the same on the 17th day of March, 1917, before Geo. H. Howell, Esq., Special Master, of said court, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Star, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have; why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is Further Ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residences as stated.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1917.

Attest; LEO D. HEARTT, Clerk.
(Seal of Court.)
By S. P. Collier, Deputy Clerk.

**FORECLOSURE SALE.**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of mortgage, executed by Robert Tucker, Jr., on the 26th day of May, 1915, and registered in the records of New Hanover County in Book Number 85, at Page 346, default having been made in the payment of the debt in said mortgage named, and the power of sale therein given having become absolute, the undersigned mortgagee, on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land and premises:

Lying and being in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Beginning at a point where the western line of Seventeenth street intersects the northern line of Grace street, and running thence northwardly along the said western line of Seventeenth street 188 feet to a 20-foot alley; thence westwardly, parallel with Grace street 47 feet; thence southwardly parallel with Seventeenth street 188 feet to the northern line of Grace street; thence eastwardly along said northern line of Grace street 47 feet to the beginning, the same being the eastern end of Lots 4, 5 and 6, in Block Number 473, according to the present plan of the said city of Wilmington, subject to a mortgage registered in the records of New Hanover County aforesaid, in Book Number 78, at Page Number 560.

This the 16th day of February, 1917.

WINSLOW W. SMITH, Mortgagee.

William L. Smith, Attorney.

fe16-f5t


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